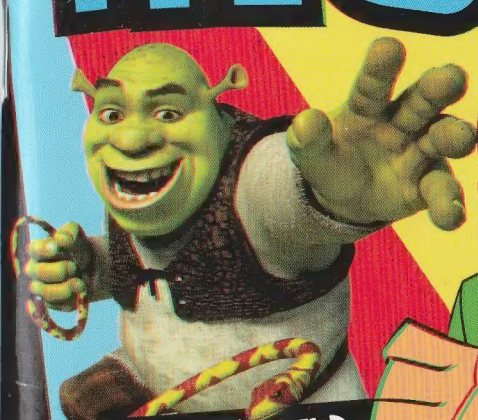


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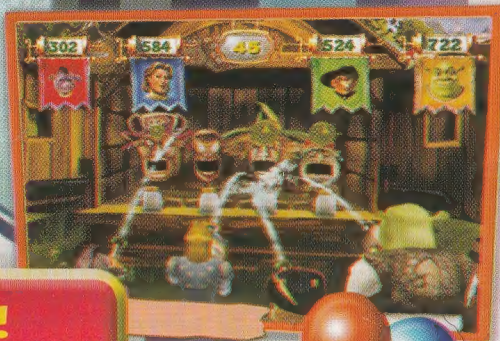


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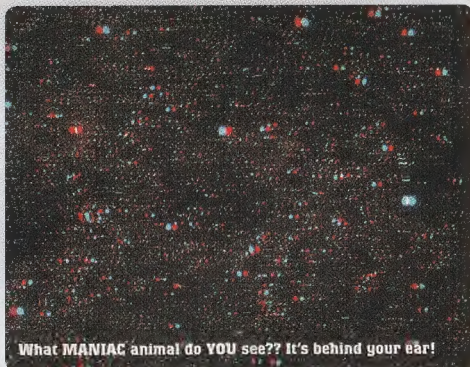
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# MANIA HQ



What MANIAC animal do YOU see??? It's behind your ear!

## YO MANIACS!

In case you haven't done it already, PUT ON YOUR 3D GLASSES! MANIA is cominatcha in 3D which means all the usual radness is in a whole new dimension! We're not just hosting a sweet Ben 10 battle between his old aliens and his new ones, we're hosting it in 3D - kapow! We're not just repping the coolest new flicks, kicks and tricks, they're bursting out of the page and straight towards your eyeballs. In case you haven't guessed, we're pretty excited!! This issue is also jammed to the limit with some of the coolest giveaways we've seen in a long time. Want a PSP, a private movie screening or a mobile phone? You can score them all here! See you next time on December 22 and as always, REPRESENT!

TEAM  
MANIA



## WHAT'S DOIN'?

**Dan is:** Racing in the World Rally Championship.

**Richie is:** BASE jumping the Grand Canyon.

**Dom is:** Wrestling crocs in the Top End.

**Tracey is:** Somewhere in the Himalayas.

**Jon is:** Breaking a land-speed record.

**Alison B can:** Pull a jumbo jet with her teeth.

**Alison P is:** Skiing down Mount Everest.

**Lev is:** Taking a zero gravity flight and doing the moonwalk.

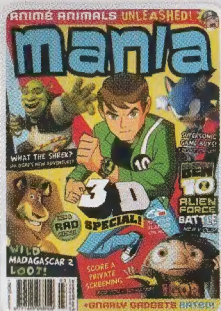
**Sonic is:** Doing the 100m sprint in under eight seconds.

**Eliot is:** Bungee jumping out of a helicopter.

**Ben 10 is:** Transforming into Big Chill and cooling some drinks for us back at HQ.

**Alex is:** The main man. Er...lion.

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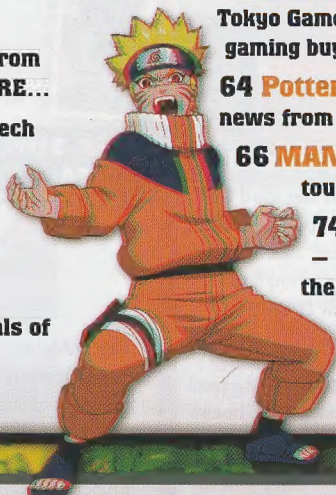
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**Daniel, Berri,  
SA**



What's up MANIA?

I love SpongeBob and I decided to draw him for you. I hope you like it and put it in the mag. I love to do painting as my hobby. Yo, KEEP IT UP!!!

**Heya Caroline! There's heaps up this month at MANIA HQ! Just check out this 3D issue of the mag - it's amazing! Thanks for sending in your drawing - you should show us some of your sweet paintings sometime! We can't wait to see what else you can do!**  
**From your friends at MANIA**

**Caroline,  
Carnegie, VIC**

Yo MANIA!

How are ya all? Hope you are having fun writing your mag (which, by the way, is da bomb!). I have 2 of them and I absolutely love them. Keep it up! I love writing. I wrote my school newspapers and I have written 7 scripts. Hope you like my picture. His name is Burping Bob. Gross! See ya and good luck on your awesome mag!



**Nico,  
Auckland, NZ**

**Wassup Nico? Burping Bob sure is gross! But we like the drawing anyway! It's great that you're getting involved with writing the school paper, and kudos to you for writing so many scripts! Who knows, maybe someday we'll end up watching a movie or play written by you! Peace out! The MANIA Crew**

Dear MANIA,

Hi, my name is Daniel of Berri, South Australia. You guys probably remember me as the guy who asked for a signed MANIA mag... you guys are the only mag that bothered to send me an autographed copy. I really appreciate you doing it for me. THANKS SOOO MUCH! I would like to compliment you and all the staff and crew of MANIA mag for a fantastic job!

**Hey Daniel! Thanks for sending us such a great letter with all those Sonic facts - unfortunately we didn't have enough room to publish it all! We're stoked you enjoyed autographed copy of the mag, it was our pleasure! Your mates @ MANIA!**

Dear MANIA,

Love your mag. I get it all the time. Love the cool comps and prizes. MANIA rox! From Harry

**G'day Harry! What a funky Alvin drawing! Thanks for sending that in - we think it's really cool! If you love our comps then you'll love this issue! We've scattered wikkid comps everywhere - all ya gotta do is enter them! Keep up the good work, MANIAC! Team MANIA**



**Harry, 11,  
Noosaville, QLD**

**SNAX**

**Blood soup with maggots (otherwise known as tomato soup with rice)**



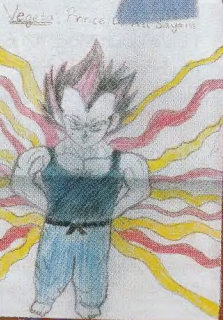
What's up MANIA?

I love MANIA; I have been reading MANIA since 2004. The best bits of the MANIA mag are Right2Write and Comic MANIA sections. I nearly have all the MANIA mags since 2004. Here is my drawing of Vegeta in Dragon Ball Z. I love drawing and I have drawn lots of Dragon Ball Z Drawings and I wanted to put one of my good drawings into MANIA.

**Howdy Sri Ram! You've been reading our mag since 2004? Wow, what a loyal MANIAC! Top stuff, man! Thanks for sending in one of your good drawings - we gotta agree with you, it is a pretty neat artwork! We can't wait to see more of your cool art skills. From the MANIA bunch**



**Sri Ram, 12,  
Buddina, QLD**



Dear MANIA,

I love your mag. I hope you like my picture. I want all of your mags because they're so great. My favourite part about your mag is EVERYTHING!

**Hi Mia! Of course we like your picture! Glad you like our mag - hearing that you like what we do makes all the long hours worth it! Rock on, MANIAC! From the 'YAK crew!**

**Mia, 10,  
Westmead, NSW**



**Alisdair, 10,  
Repulse Bay,  
Hong Kong**



What up MANIA (except the sky or the ceiling)? I am currently living in Hong Kong and I came to Australia for a two-week holiday. I found quite a few magazines in Australia and in the end I made a decision that I like MANIA magazines the most; and because I live in HK - there aren't any good magazines - I subscribed to them. Now I am getting them sent to me overseas. My hobbies are playing on computer (my favourite), playing Transformers and Ben 10 (and collecting the cards), painting/art, and playing on my DS and reading my latest MANIA issues. I drew this picture of Wildvine and Upgrade because I love them. I hope you like my drawing. From your #1 fan, Alisdair.

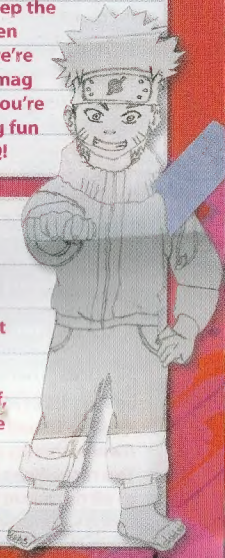
**Hey Alisdair!! Not much is up - we've just been busy making volcanoes and trying to keep the place tidy, which is pretty hard when we're always making slime! Man, we're so happy to hear that you like the mag so much you've subscribed to it - you're a true MANIAC! Hope you're having fun in HK! From your pals at MANIA HQ!**

My name is Kallum. I am 14 and I love Mania. Mania rocks and I want to become an artist.

**Wassup Kallum! You've definitely got the goods to become an artist - that's a fantastic Naruto drawing! Really accurate stuff, buddy! Keep up the good work! From the MANIA Crew!**



**Kallum, 14,  
Thornlie, WA**







Hi MANIA,  
My name is Rory and I am 6 years-old! I really love your magazine and I get it all the time. I especially love the pictures that other kids do. Here is one of mine to share with all the other MANIA MANIACS! From Rory  
**It's WALL-E!!! Great to see that you're as big a fan of Wall-E as we are, Rory! We luuurve seeing all the artwork that MANIACS send in too, so keep the awesomeness coming! We can't get enough of your wonderful letters! Peace Out!**  
**MANIA**



**Rory, 6,  
Smithton, TAS**



Dear MANIA,  
Hi my name is Will. I'm 10 years old.  
My brother, Jack, is 6. We love your magazine. Here are some pics we did.  
From Will and Jack



**Yo Will and Jack! How you doin'? Thanks for sending in your wikkid drawings - we're loving the old school Pokémon! Rock On! MANIA**

**Will, 10 and  
Jack, 6,  
Lorn, NSW**

Hi MANIA,  
I love your Mag. it rocks!!!  
My bro and I get it delivered to our house every month... we LOVE the comps and Pokémon. Thanks 4 ur gr8 work. Luv always. Annika



**Annika, it must have taken you ages to make that artwork! Thanks heaps for sending it in! We always love seeing the awsm work you send in for comps, so keep up the effort! From the MANIA Crew**

**Annika,  
Medowie,  
NSW**

Hi MANIA!  
My name is Simarni and I am 12 years old. I have just started reading your mags and they are awesome! I love Puzzle Mania!! I hope you enjoy my picture of SpongeBob! Go MANIA! You guys rock!  
**Wassup Simarni! That's the brightest and happiest SpongeBob we've seen in a while - it brightens up our day just looking at it! Keep reading the mag and enjoying it! From the MANIA Team!**



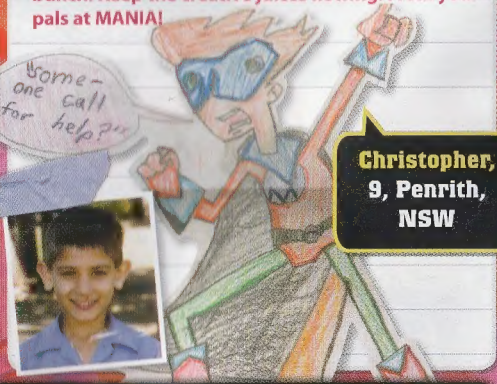
**Simarni,  
12, Cardire  
Springs, VIC**

Mania rules, my favourite shows are Ben10 and Bakugun. The best thing about Mania is it has awesome stories and pictures. There is no magazine better than Mania.  
**Wassup Ethan!**  
**Awww, thanks so much for those super kind words! You rock! We're glad you like our pics - it's all thanks to all the awsm MANIACS out there that we have so much wikkid art! Stay awesome, the MANIA Crew!**



**Ethan, 8,  
Sydney, NSW**

Wazzup MANIA,  
When I'm not reading a MANIA magazine, I'm always drawing. I have loved drawing a lot since I can remember so I thought I would draw a picture for your magazine. Do you like it?  
**Hi Christopher! We love it! What a groovy superhero! You MANIACS sure are a talented bunch! Keep the creative juices flowing! From your pals at MANIA!**



**Christopher,  
9, Penrith,  
NSW**

**SHOUT  
OUT**

**To Mr B. Francis, inventor of the original wind-up Scalextric cars in 1952.**



**Brock, 11,  
Deagon, QLD**



I wonder how  
I can get my hands  
On Mania?

Hi MANIA,

My name is Brock and I'm your no. 1 fan. I have over 15 magazines. I love SpongeBob SquarePants, One Piece, and Dragon Ball Z. I hope you like my pictures. You guys rock, from your biggest fan! PS. Do you think u could put in some Dragon Ball Z Posters? Thanks!

P.P.S I love drawing SpongeBob characters! Hope you guys like these!

**Heya Brock! Those SpongeBob pics are wikkid! Plankton looks especially menacing – we reckon you've captured his personality perfectly in that drawing! Good job! We'll see what we can do to get more Dragon Ball Z posters in, too. ;)**  
**From the MANIA Crew!**

Dear MANIACS,

It's Jaden here and do you remember how old I am? Yes, you got it, I'm 8 years old. I have 10 MANIA magazines and I love them. Hope you like my picture of SpongeBob. See ya!

From your dude, Jaden

**Shake your Squarepants! Ha ha, what a brilliant idea! Thanks for sending in this super fun drawing of Spongey, Jaden! This is something so neat, we have to share it with all the other MANIACS! Rock on! From the MANIA team!**

**Jaden, 8,  
Westmead, NSW**

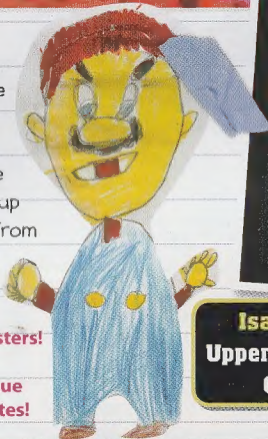
**SHAKE YOUR  
SQUAREPANTS**



Yo MANIA,

I think your mag rocks. I try to get your mag all the time. I love your posters. Can you please put a little bit more in? I love the Totally Cool section. Keep up putting in the kool stuff. From Isaac.

**Hey Isaac! We'll definitely take your tip on board and try and squeeze in more posters! Hope you like the ones we managed to put into this issue of MANIA! Your MANIAC mates!**



**Isaac, 8,  
Upper Kedron,  
QLD**



Dear MANIA,

This is the first time I have entered my artwork into your magazine. I LOVE MANIA magazines and I am your no. 1 fan. I am 10 years old and have been getting your magazines since I was 8 years old because they are so cool. I will keep on getting your magazines. I hope I will win if I do, thank you very much. From Keoghan.

**Another happy MANIA reader – woohoo! That Pokémon drawing kicks butt, Keoghan!! Where did you learn to draw that well! We're stoked you sent it to us! Peace out, YAK! From the MANIA team.**



**Keoghan, 10,  
Wellington, NZ**



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MANIAC 'NALS!**

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SOARED WITH A STINGRAY AND CHATTED  
COMPLEX METAPHYSICS WITH THE WORLD'S  
BRAINIEST BIRDS. YAKS!**

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YOU KNOW MY  
FRIEND PROFESSOR  
AFRICAN GREY?**

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**I LOVE MY  
NDSSSSSSSSSSSSSSSSSSSS!**



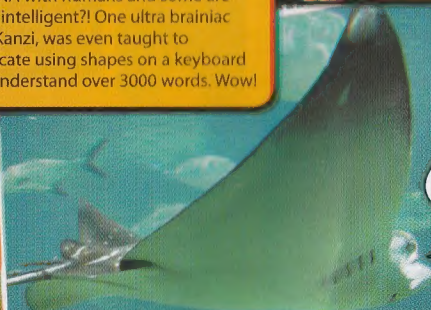
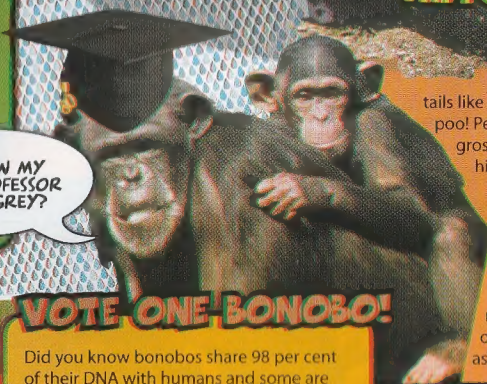
**IT'S  
BETTER THAN  
CHOCOLATE!**

## HIPPOCOTTER!

Hippos attract a mate by using their chubby tails like a propeller to spray out poo! Peeuw! While it seems gross to us MANIACS, hippos think it's rather charming and don't even bother with chocolates or flowers. Advice: if you ever see a hippo in your local swimming pool you might want to hightail it on outta there before it asks you out on a date!

## VOTE ONE BONOBO!

Did you know bonobos share 98 per cent of their DNA with humans and some are almost as intelligent?! One ultra brainiac bonobo, Kanzi, was even taught to communicate using shapes on a keyboard and can understand over 3000 words. Wow!

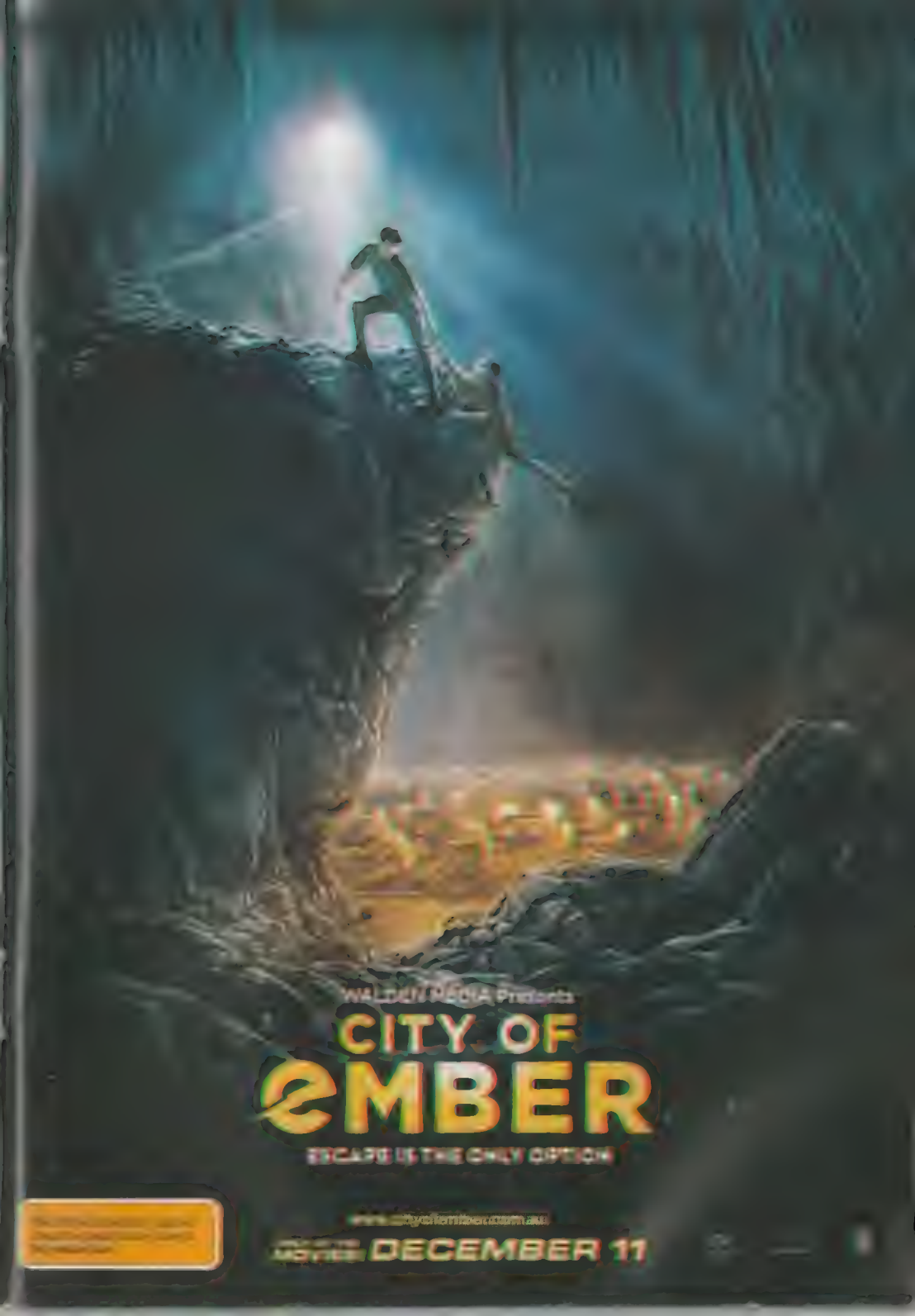


**I JUST NEED  
A LITTLE RAY OF  
SUNSHINE!**

## THE FISH ARE JUMPIN'

It's a bird, no it's a plane, no it's a flying stingray? When stingrays are being chased by predators like sharks they sometimes hurtle themselves out of the water and into the air! These freaky flying rays can jump so high they've even been known to land in people's boats and pierce bystanders with their sharp barbs!





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### TO THE YAK CAVE!

Jingle bells bells bells bells. Oh hi YAKS, we were just practising our most MANIAC singing for the Jenolan Caves Christmas Festival. It's a Christmas concert where singers get to yowl their most cheery Christmas carols from the limestone peaks of a massive cave cave cave! Can you hear that echo echo echo? It's on Saturday December 13 at the Jenolan caves in NSW. For more info visit <http://www.jenolancaves.org.au/index.asp?pageID=192&menuitemID=634>



### MONKEYING AROUND!

If you want to laugh and have a good time, then Monkeying Around! is the perfect event for you. It's a comedy show featuring some of the best comedians in the country. The show is guaranteed to make you laugh and is a must-see for anyone who loves a good laugh.



### MANIAC MISSION

It's time to put your support behind a YAK on a mission. On Wednesday December 12, Travis Wayth, (aka Trout) will be performing a live show at the Sydney Opera House. The show is a tribute to the late, great YAK and is a must-see for anyone who loves a good show. Do you think he can do it? To sponsor the terrifically talented Trout head to [www.everydayhero.com.au/trouts\\_run](http://www.everydayhero.com.au/trouts_run) and donate! Algghht?

### CAMP ROCK

Do you think you could take some time out from robot building and extreme ironing to watch High School Musical live on stage these summer hols? You'll dance like a droid when you see how hard these musical MANIACS represent as they rock themselves rampant! Peep the preview at [www.hsmliveonstage.com.au](http://www.hsmliveonstage.com.au) and book tickets at [www.ticketmaster.com.au](http://www.ticketmaster.com.au) (Sydney) or [www.ticketek.com.au](http://www.ticketek.com.au) (other states).



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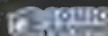
PlayStation 2

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## CHIPPY CHIPMUNKS

Okay, we've got some bad news. Chipmunks – the ones in real life – can't sing or dance. We're sure they could try, but Alvin and his buds are three of a kind. So...do you still want a pet chipmunk? Yes? Then read on!

Chipmunks are mostly wild rodents but, if you search really hard and find an awesome pet shop, you might be able to find one. Unlike mice, which you can just leave in a small cage and let them run on the wheel to their heart's content, chipmunks are high maintenance. They're incredibly active, they need to be kept in a large cage outdoors, and they're also quite fragile (handling a chipmunk by the tail can cause serious damage to it!). If you're going to get one, make sure they're between 6-8 weeks old, but no older than 16 weeks (the younger they are, they more friendly and gentle they will be!).

**BOW  
CHICKA  
WOW WOW**

**DETONA**  
SMART MOUTH



**BRADLEY, 12, CHILLAXING WITH HIS DOG,  
HEIDI, GLEN INNES, NSW.**

**BE ONE WITH  
NATURE –  
PET YA PETS!**



**ZACK, 7, HAS A GORGEOUS NEW STAFFY PUPPY  
NAMED OUZO! LENAH VALLEY, TAS.**



**EMILY, 12, TAKES A PHOTO WITH  
HER DOG, PETE, HALLAM, VIC**



**PETA, 10, HAS A CUTE LITTLE POMERANIAN DOG  
CALLED PRINCESS! NIGHBURY, SA.**

**WIN!**

**WIN!**



Win an ALPHAMALTYE for your pet. Mania! Or if you've got a photo of your dog/ cat/ rabbit/ hamster/ ferret/ etc. or whatever, send it in for your chance to win!

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**24 species of chipmunks live in North America, only one type lives in Asia.**





I'M NOT A  
MUTANT. BUT I  
WOULD RATHER  
EAT PIZZA



IF LION IS KING, WHAT AM I?



CHALKY  
MESS? NOT  
ME!

LIVING THE URBAN DREAM

# WACK ATTACK!

## FREAKS OF THE WEEK!



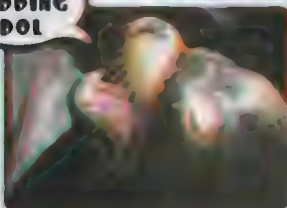
YOU'VE HURT  
MY FEELERS



I'M A  
BUDDING  
IDOL



NOT  
DROWNING.  
WAVING!





# INSPECT -A-GADGET

## TOTALLY TOP TECH!



### OCTOBOT

Scientists at the university of California have discovered a walking Octopus that they think will help them create a new generation of soft flexible robots. Rad! The species called Octopus marginatus was discovered walking along the seabed on two tentacles. The scientists are studying the way the octopus walks so they can invent soft flexible robot muscles! Mad!



### KEYBOARD SNIFFERS!

Swiss researchers have discovered how to find out what someone is typing on their keyboard from over 20 metres away and without looking! Using a radio antenna the researchers measured electromagnetic radiation when keys were struck, and could translate

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### WAITER WIPEOUT

Imagine walking into a restaurant and not having to wait to be served! Well at Inamo restaurant in England you can do just that! The restaurant has installed touch screen dinning tables. Customers can order their food, check when their food will arrive and change the way the table looks just by using a touch screen. And if they're not happy with the food, they can even order a taxi to come and take them home to the vomitorium! BARRR!



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# Google mania

We've sourced the coolest websites for your surfing pleasure.  
Check 'em out or check your heads, MANIACS!

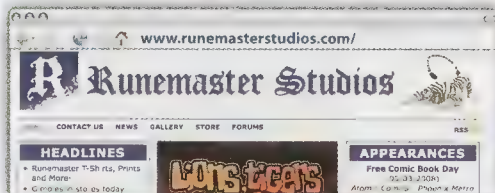
Mooglee Earth

I'm Feeling Yucky

Cool Stuff!

Wikkid Stuff!

RAD stuff!



## BIG CAT BASE!

Be brave little lions, for it is time to visit the crystal castle at Rune Master Studios! Rune Master makes the coolified comics *Lions Tigers and Bears* and *The Gimoles!* On their gnarly website you'll find the latest news and release dates, as well as dish loads of delicious downloads. If you still can't lap up enough LTB then you can visit the Rune Master store and get your paws on some big cat bling! Don't forget to drop LTB creator and writer Mike Bullock an email telling him how much you rate his rip-roaring comics!

VERDICT:



## BLOG MANIA!

Yo YAKS, you asked for it, so we've made it, with as much MANIAC madness as we could muster! The official MANIA magazine Blog is live, loony and ready to be logged onto! Here you'll find goss and snippets about up-coming MANIA issues, as well as videos, polls and plenty of extras to bust your brains and pulverize your pancreas! There's even a stack of 'behind the scenes' MANIA facts to sort the mice from the MANIACS! Mad!

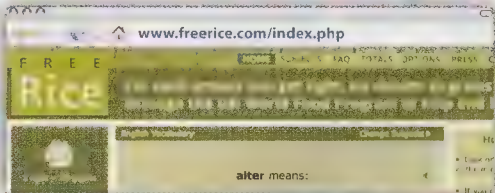
VERDICT:



## LOST LEMMINGS!

Would you mind being lemmings for a bit while we steer you to a site that will blow your mind, YAKS? We promise not to use the bomb function or make you dig through a cliff face! This sensational site lets you play the original lemmings game from PC! You'll feel like a God as you direct your troop of lost lemmings through some totally tricky levels till they're home and hosed! But beware, 'cos if you make the wrong decision, your green-haired pals will be pushing up daisies! That's dire!

VERDICT:



## RICE ON THE MONEY!

The predominant purpose of this estimable website is to deliver organic biomatter to MANIACS who are in impecunious circumstances! WHAT?....Ok them were some big words YAKS, just like the brain busting words on this wikkid website! It's got words that even professor Findenstein in the MANIA laboratories needs to look up! But for every word you guess right, 20g of rice will be donated to help feed hungry MANIACS in poor countries. So grab a dictionary and RICE ON!

VERDICT:





# CRACK OF THE MONTH!

**Q: What kind of vegetable DON'T you want on a boat?**

**A: A leek.**

**Q: How do you tell which end is which on a worm?**

**A: Put it in a bowl of flour and wait till it yarts!**

**Q: Why was Santa's little helper so depressed?**  
A: Because he had lost his reindeer.



**SHAUN, 7, OLD**



**DAN, 10, NSW**



**JACK, NSW**

**WE LAUGHED SO HARD WE CRIED! THEN WE LAUGHED SOME MORE!**

# CRACK UP!

**Q: Where do ghosts buy food?**

**A: At the grocery store.**



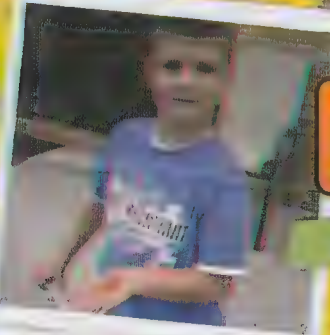
**NIAMH, 8, NSW**

**Q: How do you get Pikachu on a bus?**

**A: Pikachu (Pika) bus stop!**

**Q: Why did the chicken cross the road?**

**A: To get to the other side of the road!**



**SAMUEL, 7, VIC**

**Q: What did the Alien say to the bus driver?**

**A: I'm from another planet and I want to go home.**



**TAYLOR, 6, TAS**

**WIN!**

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**CRACK UP mania**

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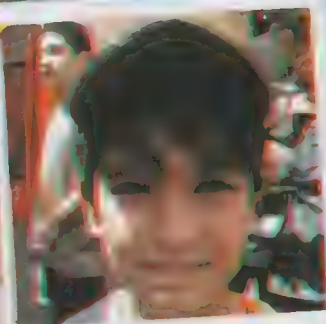
To the MANIAC who came up with the idea of summer holidays!!



**I WOULD MAKE IT  
PLAY WITH ME.**

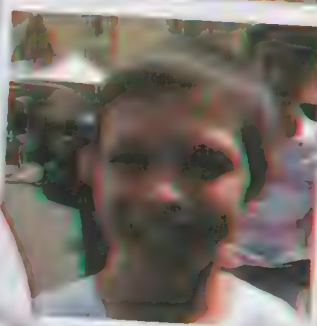


**LUKE, 12**



**PARHAM, 7**

**I'D GET IT TO  
MAKE ME TONNES  
OF FOOD.**



**NICK, 13**

**I'D MAKE IT GET  
ME HEAPS OF  
LOLLIES.**

# **YAK CHAT**

Ok, let's get it straight 'Yaks,  
we love robots.

**If you had a robot,  
what would you  
make it do?**

**I'D GET IT TO PLAY  
FOOTBALL WITH ME.**



**REBECCA, 13**

**MAKE HIM DO MY  
HOMEWORK.**



**BEN, 10**



**CAMERON, 10**

**I'D GET IT TO DO MY  
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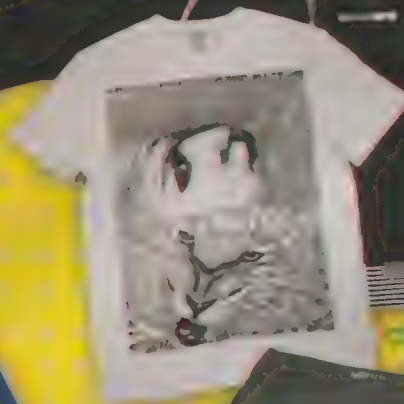
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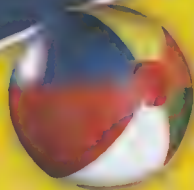
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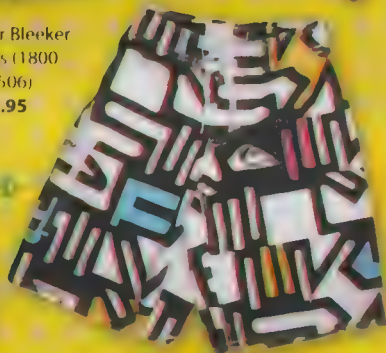
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ALL MEN  
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CREATED  
EVIL!

HE'S GOT A  
MONSTER OF  
A PROBLEM!

## HAIR-RAISINGLY HILARIOUS!

Igor is the maddest animated monster flick in the MANiAsphere. It's freaky, it's funny, and it's downright fabulous. It's the sensational story of a mad scientist's hunchbacked lab assistant (Igor) who might have a humongous hump on his back but the super-smart-servant has a lifelong dream. He is determined to win the annual Evil Science fair in the land of Malania and become an Evil scientist himself! There's only one problem: Igor is not meant to be inventing. In fact, Igor is not meant to be anything but slaves to the mad scientist in the land of Malania. Will Igor get to make it as a mad scientist or will pure evil prevail?



# MONSTER PRIZES!

A monster movie deserves a monster prize, MANIACS! Luckily the mad scientists at MANIAC HQ have scored a mega prize for movie mad MANIACS! One totally insanely eager Igor MANIAC will win their very own V.I.P private screening of Igor (in their nearest capital city) with yumo food and drinks provided! How gnarly is that!

But wait there's more... The mad scientists at MANIAC HQ have informed us that every mad scientist needs an Igor or 25, so our lucky winner will also get to invite 25 of their friends (to serve their every need like an Igor of course)!

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## WIN!

Time to straighten that hump in your back and become a mad MANIAC scientist. To be the winner of the amazingly AWSM private screening of Igor just draw us the blueprints of the dastardly dungeons where the most MANIAC monsters are made! Make sure you label each section of your perfectly evil plans!

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SWAMPFIRE

Grey Matter builds a gamma ray cannon out of an air conditioner on a nearby building and fires a massive blast of gamma radiation that blows off Swampfire's left arm and right leg. Swampfire loses one arm and one leg, but returns fire with a concentrated blast of putrid methane gas that turns the surrounding area into a rotting

**WINNER:**  
SWAMPFIRE

HEAT  
BLAST

VS



SPIDERMONKEY

Jumping high into the air Heatblast lobbs 360 fireballs at Spidermonkey from every angle singeing one of the marsupial's limbs and forcing Spidermonkey to dodge and run up a skyscraper. Spidermonkey uses his retreat to spin a web of fireproof body armour. Now protected from the flames, Spidermonkey uses his remaining arms to throw an ice-cream truck at Heatblast, squashing him and freezing his body.

**WINNER:**  
SPIDERMONKEY

ECHO  
ECHO

VS

FOUR  
ARMS

Echo Echo makes thousands of clones and sends out a massive sonic boom that topples an electrical tower and it falls on Four Arms throwing a stirring war cry. Four Arms throws off the tower and uses his arms to beat the ground, creating a huge earthquake. Echo Echo's clones are sent tumbling down into a crevice opened in the road by the earthquake and Echo Echo's sensitive ears and head are blown to bits by the shockwave.

**WINNER:**  
FOUR ARMS



WILDMUTT

VS



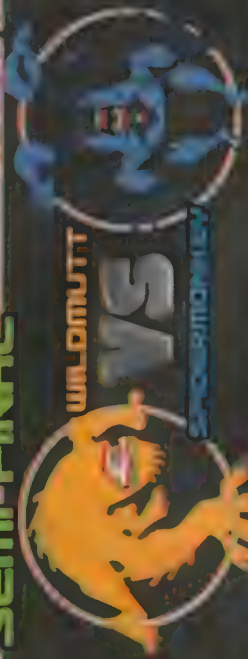
JETRAY

In an ambush Jetray swoops down on Wildmutt's back and tries to paralyse him with a nasty neuro shock to the brain. This sends Wildmutt into a rabid, frenzied cat-leaping stupor that causes him to pin Jetray. While Jetray is swooping in from behind for another attack, Wildmutt fires the quills on his back pinning the helpless Jetray to a nearby snack food billboard. Two mins later, Wildmutt licks his lips and looks for another snack.

**WINNER:**  
WILD MUTT



## SEMI-FINAL



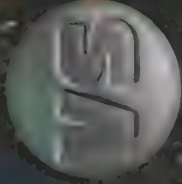
WILDMUTT

VS

SPIDERMONKEY

Wildmutt uses his four arms to kick down Spidermonkey by a dead end line. The MAWZ Spidermonkey smashes his teeth and rumbles at Spidermonkey but the MAWZ is too fast and using the wall as leverage does a high jump backwards so Spidermonkey can't go back behind him. Now enraged, Wildmutt blocks with his back legs sending Spidermonkey smashing into a pile of falling garbage. Seeing a really rubbish consequence, Spidermonkey drops a coin inside the compactor and a web around Wildmutt's head. He sniffs the compactor and Spidermonkey is charged inside.

**WINNER: SPIDERMONKEY**



SWAMPFIRE

VS

FOUR ARMS

Swampfire uses his four arms to set off a series of explosions in a room full of plants to concern the battle. The room is a tight corridor but he is created by the plants. Four Arms floors his muscles and breaks free. He puts out two pairs of muscles and uses his four arms to create a series of explosions. He gives the plants a piece. He then jumps on Swampfire and punches him in the face.

**WINNER: FOUR ARMS**

## GRAND FINAL

SPIDERMONKEY VS FOUR ARMS

Four Arms intercepts a web shot from Spidermonkey and uses the strand to twirl and toss him into the path of an on-coming train. With his last strength, Spidermonkey lets out a high pitched howling yowling scream. At first the train is stopped and then it begins to move. Four Arms is then the scrabbling of tiny feet as billions of poisonous black spiders descend on him from every direction. Good night.

**WINNER: DRAW**





# FLIP-OUT!

**RIPPING TRICK TIPS  
WITH STREETWISE  
SKATEBOARDING COACH  
STUART HOY!**

## A-HOY THERE!

Stuart Hoy is one of Streetwise's top skateboard instructors. MANIA caught up with him about the sick Streetwise SK8 program, and then he kickflipped his way into the MANIA SK8 hall of fame with a sick trick tip!



**MANIA:** Welcome! What's your trickiest trick? (You know, SK8000?)

**STUART:** I SK8A MANIA!

**MANIA:** What? What? What are you saying? (It's okay, it's okay, it's okay.)

**STUART:** I'm saying a kickflip is the most important trick, maybe a shove-it or kickflip out.

**MANIA:** So what are the three most important things in skateboarding?

## KICKFLIP FLIP-OUT!

The kickflip is one of the hardest basic skateboard tricks and is also one of the most popular. It is the basis to many advanced fliptricks. A Kickflip is performed similarly to the Ollie, which you need to master before moving onto learning the kickflip.



**1**

Similar to an Ollie stance, the back foot is positioned on the tail with the balls of your shoes pressed with a curve of the foot. Your front foot is placed behind the front deck bolts at about a 45 degree angle (toes towards the nose).

**2**

Bend knees and put weight on balls of feet. Find your center of balance so you are comfortable and prepare to pop.

**3**

Snap your tail and then lift your front knee and slide your front foot at about a 45 degree angle. Never lean backwards! Try to keep your shoulders square.



**STUART:** For me it's freedom, satisfaction and having fun with mates.

**MANIA:** What makes StreetWise such a good way to get into skating?

**STUART:** Sometime when you are new to skating, finding the right tricks at a skate park can be quite daunting. StreetWise programs help kids become confident in their equipment and feet to kick the learning process. For the already experienced skaters, the StreetWise programs can be an invaluable tool for improving and learning new tricks.

**MANIA:** Sounds like we need to go to one. So what's the worst injury you've ever had skating?

**STUART:** Probably a sizeable end bump on my knee at the 2007 Flow rider competition which is still there, after nearly five years. Mostly waking I've made a managed to complete my run though the broken bone is a date to get deck.

**MANIA:** Why do you teach people to skate?

**STUART:** I could become a pro skater, and the look on your parents face after finding their first kick flip is extremely rewarding.

**MANIA:** What's the biggest improvement you've seen from a day's teaching?

**STUART:** I once coached a young girl who had never stepped on a board before. By the end of the day she was confidently riding down high ramps, performing kick turn on banks and dropping in five and six foot bowls.

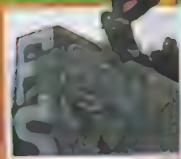
**MANIA:** Crazy! How do you teach someone who's never stepped on a board before?

**STUART:** Kids learn surprisingly fast and with a little advice and encouragement they are skateboarding in no time.

**MANIA:** Can you give us a rough outline of what happens during a four-hour StreetWise coaching session?

**STUART:** We coach according to experience but for the younger we would explain skating and equipment, skate park etiquette, stance, foot position, pushing, kick turns, ollies, dropping in and much more.

**MANIA:** Wicked! Thanks Stuart, you're a MANIAC!

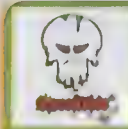


- 4** Once you have flicked the board, keep your front foot in a position above and in front of your board. Bend your knees and keep your feet up just above your board.

**HINT** - Practice different starting positions with your front foot and different angles and strengths when kicking out your front foot until you get a nice even spin.

- 5** Once you have the spin try to catch the board with your feet over the deck bolts.

- 6** Land with knees bent and roll away.





# ANIMANIA BUZZ

**MANIA HAS A DEATHLY SILENT CONVERSATION WITH THE MASTER OF STEALTH. VOICE ACTOR FOR KAKASHI HATAKE (NARUTO), DAVE WITTENBERG!**

## SILENT ASSASSIN SPEAKS!

**WE YAK WITH NARUTO'S TEACHER KAKASHI HATAKE, MANIACS!**

**MANIA:** Wood Devil! How did you get into voice acting?

**DAVE:** In the year 2000 I auditioned for the third season of Digimon and was cast as Harry. That was followed by more Digimon, InuYasha, Zatch Bell, Legion of Superheroes, Spooknado, the Animated Series, Kinniku, and, hopefully, more to come.

**MANIA:** Do you have to eat ramen noodles and watch some wrestling to get into character when you are recording for Naruto?

**DAVE:** I don't HAVE to... I think of it as a gift... Though sometimes I just do make the lobby of the studio and try to annoy people's jobs in a harmless... Hey you!

**MANIA:** What's the funniest thing that has ever happened to you while recording for Naruto?

**DAVE:** An earthquake. **MANIA:** What's the wildest fan request you've ever had? (PS could you please sign this page!)

**DAVE:** Someone once asked me to pose for a pic with his dog. Not him. ONLY the dog. And the dog had a whole Kakashi suit on (without the mask) and was dressed in jammies! I was like, "This was weird."

**MANIA:** Have you ever used your voice on the subway or in Japan?

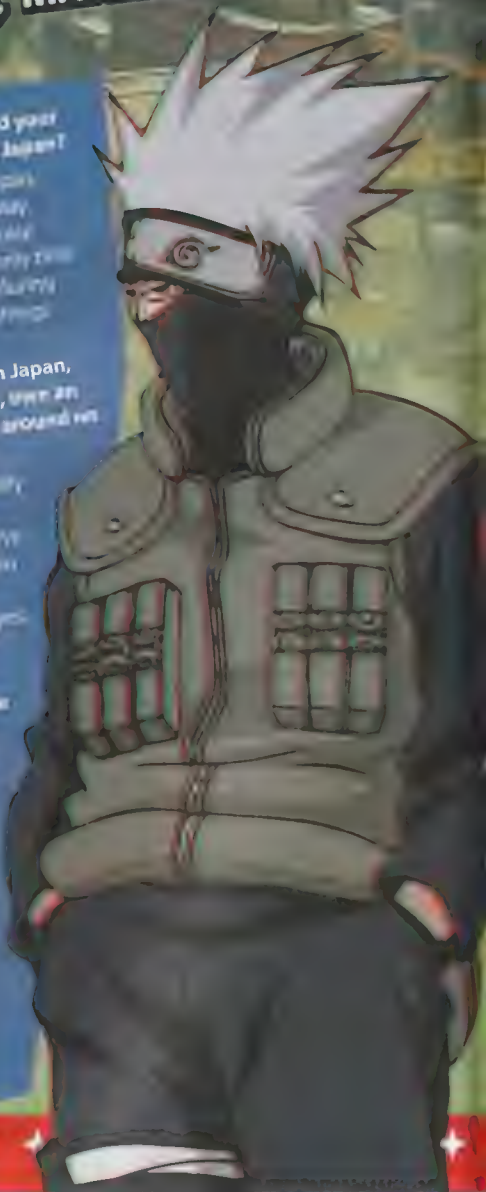
**DAVE:** I've never been to Japan, though I want to go someday. And technically I use my voice everywhere I go, but the only time I use the "Kakashi" voice is during that silent conversation when things begin to go wrong.

**MANIA:** Are you a god in Japan, do you have a pension, own an island and get carried around on a palanquin?

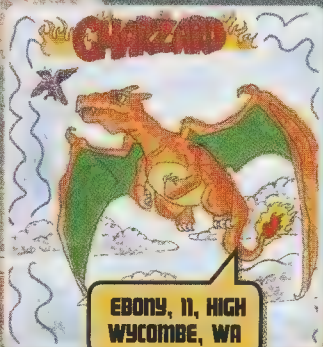
**DAVE:** I thought, actually one of the things that really... like, believe it or not, we don't get a pension plan or palanquins. Though you think I have a pension.

**MANIA:** Have you ever lost your voice while working on Naruto? What happened?

**DAVE:** I once got laryngitis for two weeks, during a Naruto session. If you see a bottle on a cold, you're welcome.



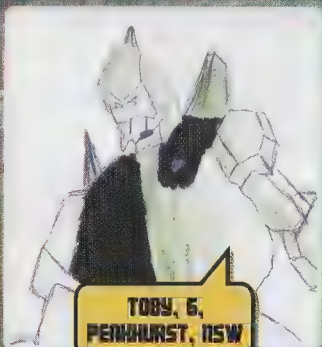




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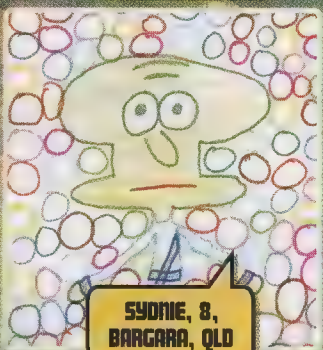
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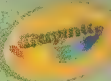
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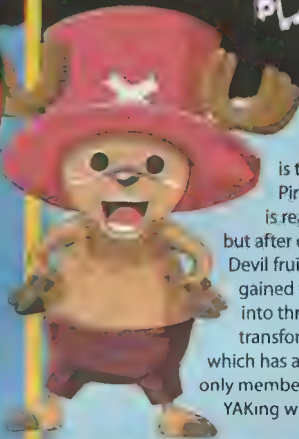
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### BLUE NOSED REINDEER



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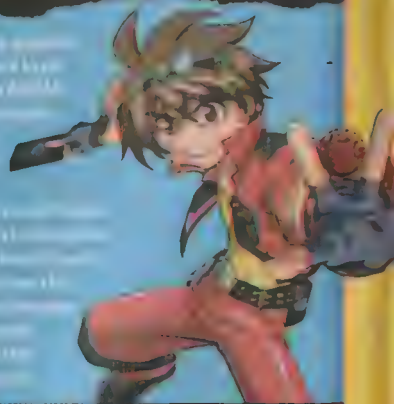
### NINE TAILED NARUTO

Naruto is technically not a **MANIAC** mal but he does have something devastatingly dangerous in his stomach. When the hyperactive hero was born, a Nine Tailed Demon Fox attacked his hometown of Konohagakure. Luckily the leader of the village, the Fourth Hokage, sealed the demon-fox inside his stomach and saved the village! That's gotta hurt!

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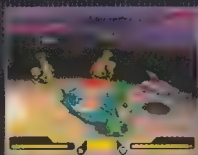
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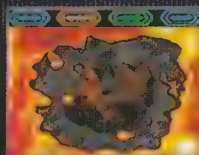
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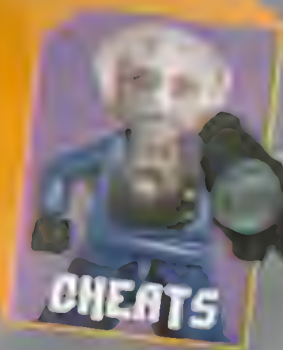
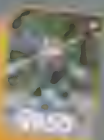




# GAMES

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## SPORE EVOLVES

If you're currently addicted to Spore, then look out! The first expansion pack, the Creepy & Cute Pack, adds a whole bunch of new creature parts to the game so you can make even crazier critters!



## NINTENDO DSi

First there was the DS, then the DS Lite and now we have the Nintendo DSi. Featuring slightly bigger screens, tweaked controls, an in-built camera and an SD slot, the DSi will usher in the next stage of cool DS games. Can't wait to find out how they utilise that camera and the SD slot... The only downside is that the GBA cart slot has been removed!



## TEKKEN IT TO THE 360

Namco has announced that their infamous PlayStation-only brawler will also be released for the Xbox 360. Yes, Tekken 6 is coming next year to both Sony and Microsoft's consoles, so get ready for the big fight!







## FINISH THE FIGHT

Halo 3: ODST is an official new Halo campaign (plus new multiplayer maps) that will be available for the Xbox 360 next year. Starting an all-new hero, it will be the first Halo game to not feature Master Chief! Set on Earth, you'll play as a Shock Trooper and be sent to create a pretty impressive mess.



## WIIHOOPS!

WipeOut HD on the PS3 is an awesome game – except for the bug in it that causes it to freeze. Sony has issued a downloadable patch, but it won't support your save files, so you'll need to start all over again. Doh!

## SPEAK UP!

If you're been wondering when Nintendo were going to release a new Wii channel for download, then stop your sniffing. The Wii Speak channel will allow for live chats between friends, though you'll need the special Wii Speak Microphone (sold separately of course). Yak yak yak.



## ELIOT'S TOP 5 GAMES OF THE MONTH

1. **FALLOUT 3** PC
2. **DRAGON QUEST IV** DS
3. **WIPEOUT HD** PS3
4. **FIFA 09** XBOX 360, PS3
5. **STREET FIGHTER IV** ARCADE



## VALKYRIA CHRONICLES

PS3

Strategy/Action

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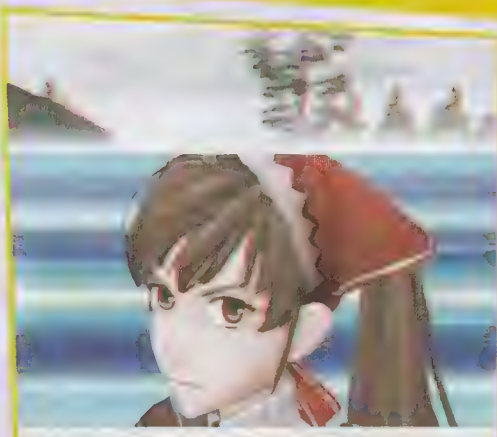


## STRATEGY AND SCENERY

The small town of Gallia is in danger of being crushed between two warring countries and it's your job to defend against the hordes of soldiers, tanks and other weapons of war that threaten to engulf it. Take one Japanese anime, add a dash of Ghost Recon and Fire Emblem, and then render it in a cool watercolour-style and you have the wonderful Valkyria Chronicles.

The game switches between a turn-based strategy engine and a first-person shooter. style action game - first you give orders to all your units and then you can actually control them in the battle; so it's a mixture of putting units in the right spot and then also being skilled when the action lets loose!

There ain't nothing like this on the PS3 at the moment, so let's hope it turns out to be a cracker.



Resist Crossfire

We don't care what else is going on, that hat is wack!

## BIONIC COMMANDO

PLATFORM: PS3, Xbox 360, PC

ACTION PUBLISHER: CAPCOM

RELEASE: 2009



## SWINGIN' STYLE

If you thought Bionic Commando Rearmed was cool, then wait until you wrap your bulging peepers around this brand-new, full 3D title coming next year. It's based on the same concept as the original Bionic Commando from 20 years ago - you don't jump, you swing on a grappling hook - but the intense action is now set in a huge free-roaming city that'll make you feel like Spider-Man with a machinegun.

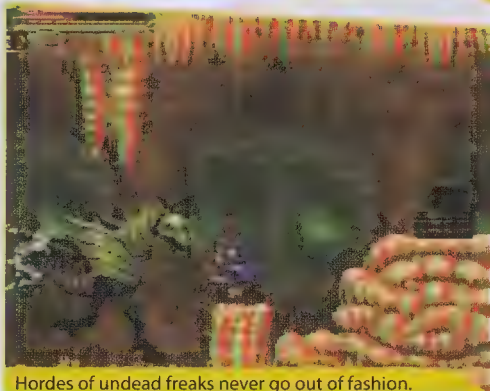
Hero Nathan Spencer's powerful bionic arm can grapple just about any surface, slam into objects to push them off ledges, and pull enemies towards you by latching onto them directly. Make sure you look up, because the action in this game can go totally vertical! You'd better have an appetite for destruction, because this game is serving up a big juicy blitz burger!



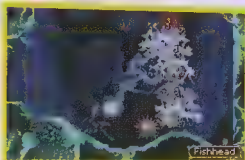


## CASTLEVANIA: ORDER OF ECCLESIA

DS **Game Boy Advance** ACTION/RPG  
Publisher: **KONAMI**  
Release Date: **2009**



Hordes of undead freaks never go out of fashion.



## MONSTROUS!

Following on from Dawn of Sorrow and Portrait of Ruin, Order of Ecclesia puts you in the blood-stained boots of a warrior who is sworn to defeat Dracula and his army of undead freaks. The action won't take place solely in dank dungeons and creepy hallways, the game also promises to feature lush outdoor areas to explore (with a total of 20 different environments).

The new Glyph system will give you access to 100 different attacks, plus you'll be able to buy and sell items and weapons to upgrade your arsenal. The DS Wi-Fi function will be used this time to provide for head-to-head play, plus you'll be able to keep the stuff you find while adventuring with your friends for your solo game.

We can't say no to more monster-laden Castlevania action - fangs a lot, Konami!

## BOMBERMAN ULTRA

PS3 **PlayStation 2** ACTION/PARTY  
Publisher: **HUDSON**  
Release Date: **TBC**



## BLOWN APART!

Don't underestimate the power of the Bomberman! It may look like a simple little game on the surface, but Bomberman Ultra hides a devious action/puzzle fest that will soon become your multiplayer game of choice (supporting up to eight players online and four on the one console).

The game will be available as a download from the PlayStation Store, so it should come at a decent price, but money should be no object when it comes to dropping bombs in the path of your buddies and running for cover.

Included will be 14 different areas and multiple Bomberman parts so you can customise your own character to take online. The funky retro look is actually in high-definition so it looks super sweet on a big TV. Prepare to be blown away!





# FUN

Every year in Tokyo, Japan's biggest game companies get together to show off all their stuff, announce new games and entertain gamers and journalists alike for a long four days. This year, MANIA was in attendance to grab some snaps of the madness!



IT'S ON! LEMME IN! OPEN THOSE DAMN DOORS ALREADY! GAAAAAAMES!



ALL THE BOOTHS AT TGS ARE MASSIVE, CRAZILY LOUD AND TOTALLY PACKED WITH DROOLING GAMERS...



EVER WANTED TO KNOW HOW A CONSOLE WORKS? WE GOT TO CHECK OUT THE GRISLY INNARDS...

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THIS LUCKY CHAP IS ABOUT TO UNLEASH A HADOKEN OR TWO IN STREET FIGHTER IV ON PS3.

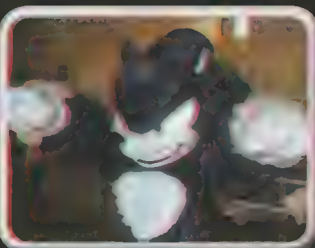


IT'S DARK IN HERE - IF IT WEREN'T FOR THAT GIANT GLOWING SLIME AND CHOCOBO WE'D BE LOST!





OH, IT'S NICE TO SEE A FRIENDLY FACE HERE IN JAPAN. HI THERE SONIC! WE LIKE YOUR NEW GAME.



AHHHH! HE'S TURNED INTO THE DEADLY WERE-HOG FROM SONIC UNLEASHED! RUN EVERYBODY!



LUNCHTIME. OUR GAMES CHIEF ELIOT SEEMS TO EAT A LOT WOULDN'T YOU SAY?! WHAT A MESS!



UH OH, WE'VE RUN STRAIGHT INTO THE PATH OF A CYLON FROM BATTLESTAR GALACTICA. WRONG WAY.

THANK GOODNESS! CHUN-LI FROM STREET FIGHTER WILL KEEP THEM OFF OUR BACKS. THANKS CHUNNERS!



EVEN BETTER, THE MARIO BROTHERS, ER, THE MARIO SISTERS ARE HERE TO SAVE THE DAY. MOUSTACHE GET!

# TOKYO



WE DON'T KNOW WHAT HE'S SELLING, BUT WE'LL BUY IT. AS LONG AS WE GET ONE OF THOSE HATS.

# GAME

# SHOW!

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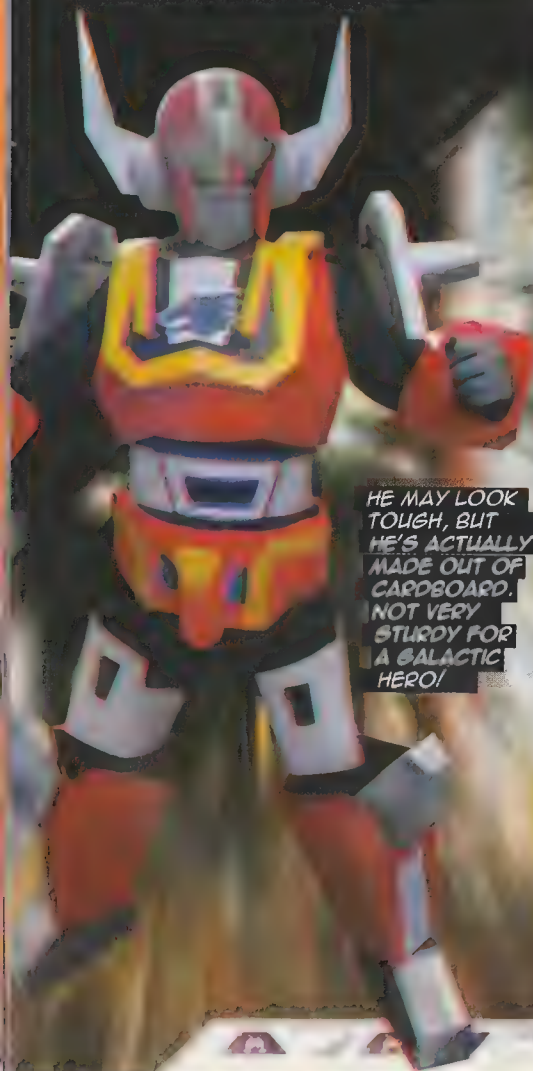




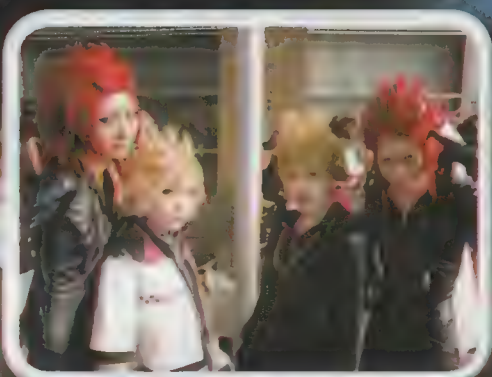
HEY LOOK, IT'S OUR FRIENDS FROM POKÉMON. HOLD ON, ARE THEY TRYING TO CAPTURE US IN THAT POKÉBALL?



HERE ARE OUR BUDDIES FROM FINAL FANTASY X - RIKKU, TIDUS AND YUNA. GLITZ BALL ANYONE?



HE MAY LOOK TOUGH, BUT HE'S ACTUALLY MADE OUT OF CARDBOARD. NOT VERY STURDY FOR A GALACTIC HERO!



ARE WE SEEING DOUBLE? IT'S AXEL AND ROXAS FROM KINGDOM HEARTS. ACTUALLY IT'S FOUR OF THEM!



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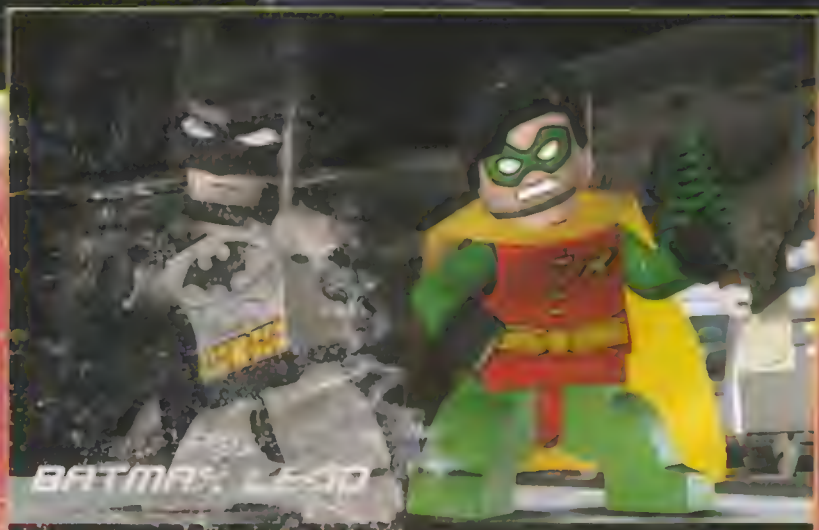
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## LITTLEBIGPLANET

Platformer | PS3  
Published by Sony Computer Entertainment Inc.  
Price: \$49.99/£39.99

### GAMEPLAY:

Every now and then a game comes along that is like nothing else you've ever played. LittleBigPlanet is one of those games. On one hand, it's a cool platform/puzzle game with realistic physics that make things roll, bounce, tumble—and even burn just as you'd expect in real life. But on the other, it's a game creation tool that allows you to create your own levels, using all the same bits and bobs that were used to make the story mode. It's amazing, addictive and unusual!

### GRAPHICS:

LittleBigPlanet looks like a puppet show, with pop-up backgrounds, objects dangled by rope, and your little Sackboy—or Sackgirl!—character hopping around like a stuffed toy. You can, however, customise everything you see, from your Sackboy's face and clothes to sticking bits of scenery around the place to make the game look uniquely yours. You can even use the PlayStation Eye to put your own photos in the game!



Put your own pics in the game.



Nothing!

## POKÉMON RANGER: SHADOWS OF ALMIA

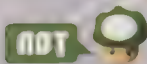
Adventure | DS  
Published by Nintendo  
Price: £39.99



PlayStation 3



Good detail in the characters.



More interactivity please!



### GAMEPLAY:

As is the case with most Pokémon titles, Shadows of Almia isn't that different to the game that came before it. The idea is that you draw circles around Pokémon as they scurry about the screen, lowering their HP enough to capture them; it's more action focused than the turn-based battles of the traditional Pokémon games. The Pokémon you capture give you abilities that help you progress through the adventure, such as using a Bidoof to smash a crate open, or riding one for extra speed.

### GRAPHICS:

It looks like a Pokémon game, as you'd expect, but the interface works better than in the original, so you can lift your stylus off the screen to dodge attacks while capturing. There's a good amount of detail in the characters and Pokémon, although we would have liked the environments to be more interactive—not everything you tap with the stylus gives you a response.



## FIFA 09

Gooodoooooo! We reckon FIFA is once again top of the table when it comes to footy sims. Our love affair with Pro Evo has faded out of sight because FIFA is now the game that boasts the best speed controls, well-paced gameplay, decent AI, realistic animations, fantastic presentation and more play options than you can shake a soccer boot at. We also love the potential of the 10 versus 10 online matches and custom clubs, CUs, and if that's the A League in it too, we can take Sydney FC to glory again (we're struggling in real life... not too).



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## PES 2009



Platform: PC, PS3, PS2, Xbox 360  
Publisher: Konami  
Available from: [www.konami.com](http://www.konami.com)

Oh Pro Evo, you're still pretty darn good but you just haven't changed enough over the last few years. This is definitely an improvement on last year's installment, with a better edit mode, tweaked graphics and controls and better online play. Most exciting is the inclusion of a full official Champions League tournament. But there are still areas that have been left to grow a bit stale: the master league has undergone no change and the commentary is still not up to scratch. PES is a terrific fun with friends, but we don't hold out for FIFA this year.

## MYSTERY CASE FILES: MILLIONAIRE

This fun detective story involves hunting for objects and clues in a number of gorgeously crafted environments. As the dock goes down, you need to find everything on your checklist, but items are hidden well among all sorts of confusing shapes, colours and decorations. The clues that are laid up with optical puzzles and the need to use tools, such as a flashlight in dark areas or having to blow into the DS microphone to pick out a line. This is really a bit tedious, but a cute story and is not so difficult that you'll give up on it.



Platform: DS  
Publisher: Humongous  
Available from: [www.humongous.com](http://www.humongous.com)



## LOCK'S QUEST

Platformer, Action, Adventure  
Available on PlayStation 2, Xbox, Game Boy Advance, PC

▲ If you've ever played any of those turret defence-style games, then you'll immediately get the hang of Lock's Quest. This is part adventure and part RTS, with a bit of action and puzzle gaming thrown in for good measure. Lock is an Archneer, which means he can build walls, turrets, traps and gadgets to help keep enemy soldiers at bay. You only have a certain amount of energy to spend on building stuff, so it takes some trial and error to figure out the best plan of defence. This game is a good challenge for those who like to tinker with tactics!



## SAMBA DE AMIGO

Beat 'em up, Party  
Available on PlayStation 2, Xbox, Game Boy Advance, PC



▲ Arrriba! This old Dreamcast game has been re-jigged for the Wii, because the motion controllers are perfect to shake about like a pair of maracas. The music is Latin pop, with hits such as "La Bamba", "Macarena", "Livin' La Vida Loca" and more, so it has the perfect party game feel and is funny to play with friends. You wouldn't really get this if you plan on playing on your own though, because half the fun is watching other players swing their virtual maracas around in time to the groovy beats. Worth a look if you're sick of Guitar Hero!

## SACRED 2: FALLEN ANGEL

Platformer, Action, Adventure  
Available on PlayStation 2, Xbox, Game Boy Advance, PC

▲▲▲▲ Clickety click, hope my mouse don't stick! Yes, it's that Diablo-style point and click action role-playing we were telling you about a few issues back. Viewed from a top-down perspective, Sacred 2 is about customising your hero character and exploring the vast landscape taking on quests and chopping down monsters as you go. It uses an awesome 3D engine, so you can zoom in and rotate the camera to get a better look at things. Gameplay is still pretty old school though, so monsters drop weapons and bags of coins when they die! But once you start, you can't stop. We warned you!





# BUZZ! JUNIOR



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## WHAT'S HOT AT MANIA HQ

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I've always liked rally games and pretty much anything that offers plenty of air and plenty of mud to play around in. Not too surprising then that I have been shredding on the awesome quad bike racer, PURE! The sense of speed is amazing. Don't blink, MANIACS!

RICHIE



Ever since we had the crazy idea to make MANIA 3D, it's all I've been doing. It's a whole new DIMENSION dudes! Like MANIA from the future or something...

DOM



The mad thing about dinosaurs is they don't need to know karate, ninjutsu or even how to knit to be megalyrly MANIAC in battle! This game gives you a mad rush! There's even 26 massive chunks of pure predatory power to choose from!

TRACE



Oh man, this is the ultimate party game! I've been playing this with my friends and we've never had more fun sweeping virtual leaves, fishing for virtual fish and shuffling virtual paper!



## NARUTO: NINJA DESTINY

05



Gaara - Complete the Story Mode on hard difficulty

Gai - Complete the Story Mode without using any continues

Itachi - Complete the Arcade Mode with all starting characters

Jiraiya - Beat Arcade mode with Tsunade

Kyubi Naruto - Complete the Arcade Mode with Itachi

Orochimaru - Beat Arcade mode with Jiraiya

Sasuke Cursed Seal 2 - After unlocking everyone else, complete the Arcade Mode with Sasuke, once again.



## WIPEOUT HD

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Second skin (one craft) - Gain 4000 loyalty points with that team

Silver skins (all crafts) - Get a medal

for every event in the Race Campaign

Third skin (one craft) - Gain 8000 loyalty points with that team

Wip3out HUD - Gain 10000 loyalty points with any team

Wipeout 2097 HUD - Gain 6000 loyalty points with any team

## SONIC CHRONICLES

05



Cream the Rabbit - After having Knuckles join your team, go to Cream in the centre of Green Hill Zone. Go find Cheese in the tower to the South East and Cream will be able to join.

E-123 Omega - Complete the side quest in the North East of Metropolis and ascend to the top. Fly to the West with Tails and E-123 Omega will be in an underground room.





## STAR WARS: THE FORCE UNLEASHED

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### Cheat Codes

OSSUS - All databank entries unlocked  
KATARN - All Force Powers unlocked and maxed

ADEGAN - All lightsaber throw ranks unlocked  
JOCASTA - All Talents unlocked

LIGHTSABER - Amplified damage  
RAGNOS - Combo unlock  
MINDTRICK - Makes levels mirrored  
EXARKUN - Maximum Force Push (disables saves)  
FREEDON - New combo  
MASSASSI - New combo



## LEGO BATMAN

WM



9LRGNB - Always  
Score Multiply  
N8JZEK - Armour

Plating (Detonator Suit)  
ML3KHP - Extra Hearts  
GHJ2DY - Fast Build  
WYD5CP - Invincibility  
MMN786 - Power Brick  
Detector  
18HW07 - Score x10  
ZAQ637 - Alfred  
KNTT4B - Bat-Tank  
JKR331 - Batgirl  
LEA664 - Bruce Wayne's  
Private Jet  
M1AAWW - Catwoman





## SIM CITY CREATOR

DS



**MONEYBAGS -**  
\$99999999 cash  
**SAMURAI -** Asia Age

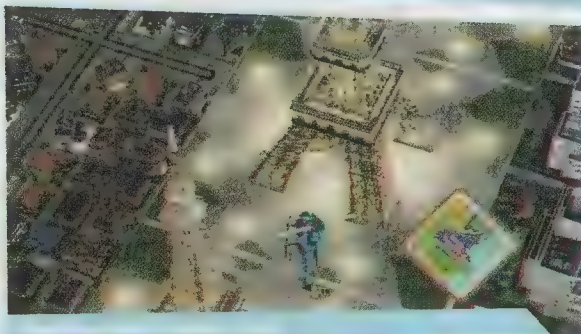
**NEWWORLD -** American  
prosperity age

**FEUDAL -** Asia Age bonus map  
**ANCIENT -** Dawn of Civilisation  
map

**MODERN -** Global Warming map

**BEYOND -** Global Warming bonus  
map

**HEREANDNOW -** Renaissance  
bonus map



## SOUL CALIBUR IV

PS3, XBOX 360



**Unlockable Create-a-**  
**Soul parts**  
**Advanced Equipment -**  
**Earn 20 honours**

**All Weapons -** Clear Story mode  
with that Character

**Animal Head Equipment -** Earn  
25 honours

**Basic Equipment -** Earn 5  
honours

**Intermediate Equipment -** Earn  
15 honours

**Leviathan and Voodoo**  
**Equipment -** Earn 30 honours

## ROCK BAND

PS2



**At the title**  
**screen where it**  
**says "Rock Band",**  
**enter the following code**  
**quickly using the coloured**  
**buttons on the guitar.**  
**R, Y, B, R, R, B, B, R, Y, B -**  
**Unlocks all songs (saving is**  
**disabled)**







Enter these at the title screen

Hold L1 + R1, press X, O, O, Square

- chicken-head people

Hold L1 + R1, press X, Triangle,

Triangle, Triangle - Disable

Standard Death Sequence

Hold L1 + R1, press X, Square,

Triangle, O - disables all heads-up displays (HUD)

Hold L1 + R1, press O, O, Triangle,

Square - drive a toy-block car in

single and multiplayer modes

Hold L1 + R1, press O, O, Triangle,

Triangle - high speed

Hold L1 + R1, press Square, O,

Square, O - Japanese Crash skin

Hold L1 + R1, press X, O, O, X -

run into a car for an automatic knockout



## B-BOY

PSP



15483 Always have maximum hype

5239 Hides the beat marker (makes it harder!)

17345 Puts you at club level in Livin'

Da Life

11910 Puts you at Pro level in Livin' Da Life

43649 Shows all moves in the move-list (works in both Jam and Livin' Da life)

41549 Turns the HUD off in battles

85363 Unlocks all Jam mode characters (including Crazy Legs)

92750 Unlocks all Jam mode levels

85872 Unlocks all Jam mode music

20014 Unlocks clothes in Livin' Da Life

93665 Unlocks Crazy Legs

34589 Unlocks everything in Jam mode levels, characters and music

39572 Unlocks everything in Livin' Da life clothes, music, moves (5 star level)

50361 Unlocks moves in Livin' Da Life (5 star level)

78727 Unlocks music in Livin' Da Life

83083 Unlocks Red Bull King of The Ring

26939 Clears all the cheats





# Potter mania!

# HOGWARTS MANIA!

LEGAL BATTLES, IMAX MAGIC AND GOBLET OF GOSSIP ARE POURING OUT OF THE HARRY POTTER UNIVERSE, AND WE'VE GOT THE LATEST SCOOP!

SACHIN, 8,  
SEACOMBE  
GARDENS, SA



## HARI GETS TO STAY

Remember how Warner Bros tried to sue the makers of an Indian film because they called it Hari Putar? Well, a court in India has rejected the lawsuit! The court said that readers of the Potter books were smart enough to distinguish between Harry Potter and Hari Putar, and so the case was dismissed. Fair enough!



HARIKLIA, 8,  
INGLEBURN,  
NSW

## IMAX MAGIC!

If you saw *Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix* at the IMAX, you would have been treated to a sweet 17 minutes of 3D footage. The good news is that *Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince* will also get the IMAX 3D treatment, but with a whole 25 minutes of 3D footage! While it's kind of lame that we have to wait extra long to see the new movie, this could be worth the wait! Maybe. We'll see!

Thinking  
deeply

Hedwig

HARRY  
Potter

HARRY Potter  
and the  
CHAMBER  
OF  
SECRETS

Dobby

ALEXANDRA, 8,  
BANKSTOWN, NSW



## CELEBS LOVE HARRY!

Turns out we're not the only ones who are obsessed with Harry Potter! Keira Knightley (*Pirates of the Caribbean*), Robert Pattinson (*Twilight*), and KayCee Stroh (*High School Musical*) have all come out to say how much they love the HP series! "Harry Potter was what made me become an actor. I credit Harry Potter with everything else that's come since for me. I didn't know what I was doing before that" Pattinson said.

Aww... group hug!

IVY, 10, KIRGA, QLE



## WHAT'S THE PRESS FOR?

A 100-year-old printing press is being replicated by the film producers of *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows* for one of their scenes! The owner of the printing press, David Phillips, was invited to Leavesden Studios (where they film HP) to help producers come up with a design. Hmm... what could this be for? Is there a scene in the seventh book that involves a printing press??

## DELAYS, DELAYS, DELAYS!

Following the announcement that the *Half-Blood Prince* isn't coming to cinemas until the middle of next year, Electronic Arts, the makers of the HP games, have also announced that the HP6 game won't be coming out until the movie does. The game is due to be released next July. Let's just hope there are no more delaaaaaays!

## PERCY SPEAKS OUT!

Chris Rankin, the actor who plays Percy Weasley, has spoken about the scene he looks forward to filming most in the *Deathly Hallows*:

"One of Percy's finest moments is walking back through that portrait into the Room of Requirement at the end of the seventh one when he finally comes back. I can't remember what he says, something like 'Did I miss anything?' (laughs). I just remember reading that in the book and going 'YES! Good boy!'. That would be fun."

PETER, 11, JOLIMONT, WA

WIN!





# mania @ the movies



**ARE YOU A MANIAC MOVIE BUFF? TAKE THE SUPER TOUGH MANIA MOVIE QUIZ AND RATE YOUR SKILLZ! ANSWERS ARE AT THE BOTTOM OF THE PAGE — NO PEEKING THOUGH!**

**1** WHAT IS THE FULL NAME OF THE NEXT HARRY POTTER FILM TO BE RELEASED IN AUSTRALIA?



**2** THE BEVERLY HILLS CHIHUAHUAS ARE 50% WARRIOR, 50% LOVER AND 100% WHAT?

**3** WHAT ORGANISATION DOES HELLBOY WORK FOR?



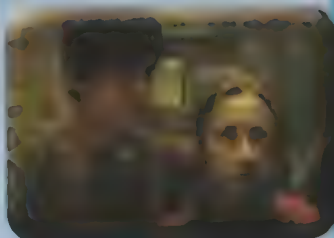
**4** WHAT IS THE NAME OF THE MAIN CHIMP IN SPACE CHIMPS?

**5** THE GIANT SPACESHIP FULL OF HUMANS IN WALL-E IS CALLED THE WHAT?

**6** ALEX, MARTY, MELMAN AND GLORIA STAR IN WHICH NEW MOVIE?

**7** WHAT IS THE NAME OF THE BROWNIE IN THE SPIDERWICK CHRONICLES?

**8** HOW LONG WAS THE CITY OF EMBER MEANT TO HOUSE ITS POPULATION?



**9** WHAT IS THE NAME OF SPEED RACER'S CAR?







**11. BEN TO RACE AGAINST TIME STARRED WHO AS GRANDPA MAX?**

**12. WHAT LAND DOES ISOR LIVE IN?**

**13. INDIANA JONES SURVIVES WHAT AT THE BEGINNING OF INDIANA JONES AND THE KINGDOM OF THE CRYSTAL SKULL?**

**10. IN THE CLONE WARS, WHAT IS THE NAME OF ANAKIN SKYWALKER'S PADAWAN?**

**14. THE CHIPMUNKS ARE ALVIN, SIMON AND WHO?**

**15. WHAT IS THE NAME OF IRON**

**MAN'S ENEMY IN THE LATEST MOVIE?**



**0-5** I know... well, of course I know! You're coming up and you're not going to be able to catch up on all the cool flicks you missed throughout the year. Never mind! **MANIAC**, study up and you'll be movie buffed in no time!

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**11-15** All right and now bring your movie buffedness up to 11 in some time from now. (Of the course, that's all right! All you need to do is keep working that funny brain grill and now you've secured your mental powers in all ways!

## ANSWERS

1. Harry Potter and The Half-Blood Prince
2. The Bureau for Paranormal Research and Defence (BPRD)
3. The Munchies
4. Ansel Adams
5. Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa
6. Indiana Jones and The Temple of Doom
7. The Clone Wars
8. The Clone Wars
9. The Clone Wars
10. Ahsoka Tano
11. A nuclear explosion
12. Malina
13. A nuclear explosion
14. The Chipmunks
15. Iron Man

## WIN!

### BOREDOM IS FORBIDDEN!

At MANIAC, we're a little up there. We've got the latest in action packed DVD packs to give away, each containing a copy of the Forbidden Kingdom movie. The winner takes it all! So to play for your chance, visit [www.maniac.com.au](http://www.maniac.com.au) to enter the contest and get your entries in today!



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# THE CHRONICLES OF ANCIENT DARKNESS: OATH BREAKER

By Michelle Paver

Torak is on a quest to vanquish the terrifying Soul-Eaters. To fulfil his quest, he must brave the hidden valleys of the Deep Forest, where the clans have reverted to the savagery of an earlier time. Here, Torak finally learns why he is the Solen Walker and discovers the true cost of revenge.

"Torak!" whispered Renn. "Torak! Wake up!" His head lurched, but she could see that he didn't know her. His eyes were empty and unseeing, no souls inside.

No souls. He was spirit walking.

He had woken not by wrenching himself free from the rope, and now he dangled on his branch, swaying, muttering. She was terrified that he would slip into nothingness and break his neck.

She edged round to his side of the trunk. He was out of reach. She stayed where she was, afraid of startling him.

At last he spoke, in a hoarse voice that was not his own.

"I am the Great Yew," he told the rustling wind. "I am older than the Forest. I began amid the roots of the First Tree. I was a seedling when the last snows of the Long Cold melted into the earth, a sapling at the coming of the Wave. I have never known sleep. I have known anger..."

Renn didn't know what to do. Her Magecraft wasn't strong enough to call back his souls. Praying to the guardians, she scratched out her hand.

Torak rose on his branch and began to walk.

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He jolted him awake: a dozen beaks, tugging at his joints.

He was dizzy. The wind was blowing in his face, the trees roaring in his head.

"Torak!" Renn's voice came to him from far away.

"Torak, look at me. Only at me. Don't move!"

The raven lifted off his shoulder and he staggered. Beneath him, the ground swayed.

Not the ground. The branch. He stood on the end of the branch, his hands clawing empty air.

"Look at me," commanded Renn. She crouched near the tree, one hand gripping the rope that twisted the trunk, the other stretching towards him. "Do not look down."

He looked down. A dizzying drop. Far below, on the

yew's snake-like roots, something awaited. He saw ash on her skin, a pale, upturned face. He swayed. Renn's voice called him back.

"Torak. Come – to – me."

His dark eyes drew him.

He sank to his knees and crawled towards her.

"You don't remember anything!" said Renn.

Torak shook his head. He was shaking and sick, worse than she'd ever seen him. It had been all she could do to get him down from the tree.

"Not untying the rope or crawling onto the branch? Nothing?" she asked.

"Nothing," he mumbled.

At last she got the waterskin open. "Here – you'll feel better."

He didn't respond. He sat with his back against the yew, staring into its branches.

The wind had dropped, and dawn was coming. Rip and Rek perched in the lower boughs, sleeping off the meat Renn had given them to say thank you. She doubted if Torak even saw them. There was a strange, shattered light in his eyes, and when she looked closer, she saw that they were no longer a pure light-grey. In their depths were tiny flicks of green.

"I saw Kim," he said. "I saw Thrazzi. He's near the Mountains. Making spots, he thinks he can rule the Forest."

He rolled onto his side and reached. When it was over, he collapsed against the tree.

"I thought I'd never get back."

"What do you mean?"

He shut his eyes. "When you spirit walk it's a fever – or a fever on an ink – you stay in that creature. But the trees – they're not separate. For them, thinking, talking, spirit walking, it's all the same thing. From tree to tree, ash to beech to holly, it passes between them. Faster, further, than you could ever imagine." He clutched his temples. "So many voices!"

Renn could only watch helplessly. What worried her most was that this time, while he was spirit walking,



his body had moved. That had never happened before.

She knew that people do sometimes sleepwalk, if their name-soul slips out during a dream. The body wanders, trying to find the errant soul, and usually they get back together before either has left the shelter. But she had no idea what this might mean for Torak.

"Why did you do it, Torak? Why spirit walk now?"

He opened his eyes. "To find Thiazzi." He hesitated. "I see him, Renn. Sometimes it's a flash of fair hair. Sometimes he's right there. Streaming wet. Accusing."

A chill crawled over her skin. She saw from his face that he meant Bale.

He thought of the day of the death rites, when Torak had stood on the beach and shouted Bale's name to the sky. As if he'd wanted to be haunted. "Why would he be accusing?" she said.

He struck the back of his head against the yew, hard enough to hurt. "We had a fight. I went off on my own."

Oh, Torak. "What - what did you fight about?"

He avoided her gaze. "He was going to ask you to stay with him."

Renn felt the heat rising to her face.

"He didn't want to quarrel," Torak went on. "It was me. I was the one. I left him to keep watch alone. That's why he was killed."

Around him, the birds were waking up. Renn saw the dew glistening on fat caterpillar curls of bracken. A bumblebee bumping about among the windflowers. All this suffering, she thought. Bale dead. His whole clan grieving. Fin-Kadinn hurt. Torak tormented by guilt. All because of Thiazzi. Until now, she hadn't grasped how the evil of the Soul-Eaters spread, like cracks on a frozen lake.

"Torak," she said at last. "That doesn't make it your fault. Thiazzi's the killer. *Harry*."

The bee settled on Torak's knee, and he watched its unsteady progress.

"Then why is he haunting me? I have to fulfil my oath, Renn. Or he'll be with me for ever."

She thought about that. "Maybe you're right. But I'll be with you too. And Wolf. And Rip and Rek." She paused. "Only from now on, don't tell me to go back to my clan."

His lip curled. Then he snorted. Easing the bee onto his palm, he placed it on a dock leaf.

Dawn came, and they stayed side by side, watching sunlight slanting through the Forest.

After a while, Torak said, "If he had asked you to stay with him, would you have said yes?"

Renn turned to stare at him. "How can you ask that?" she said, exasperated.

He was puzzled. "I'm sorry, I... Does that mean no?"

She opened her mouth to reply, but at that moment, Wolf returned, his muzzle dark with blood. Giving them both a carrion-smelling greeting, he licked Torak under the chin, and they exchanged one of their speaking glances.

Renn asked him what Wolf was saying.

"Bright Beast," he told her. "And - I'm not sure, something broken. Think? Mind? Broken mind?"

"Mad," they said together.

They never had time to wonder what it meant. Wolf broke into an odd, excited little whimper and shot off into the undergrowth. Torak pulled Renn to her feet and moved in front of her. Five silent hunters came out from the trees. In the time it took Renn to draw her knife, they were surrounded. The hunters were clad in plain buckskin and carried no weapons. Somehow, they didn't need them. Renn saw that they wore no headbands. Whose side were they on?

"You will come with us," said a quiet voice which was used to being obeyed. "Your search is at

end."

## Want to know more?



Who are the mysterious, clan-less people? What will they do to Torak and Renn? To find out, you'll need to get your hands on:

Title: *Oath Breaker*  
Author: Michelle Magorian  
Price: \$28.99  
Publisher: Orion Children's Books  
(in book form)

# WIN!

We're giving away 5 copies of *Oath Breaker*! For your chance to score one, all ya gotta do is draw OR describe what a Soul-Eater would look like! Send your entries to:

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# TUNES

## DRO DOWN!

**Jonas Brothers, A Little Bit Longer**

In the Jonas Brothers' quest to take over the world, their music plays a key role. Taking a background role, hidden behind those totally sweet fashion choices and Disney movies, the MANICS, we're here to announce that the Jonas Brothers are and always have been about the music! This is their third album, *Forever*, the Jonas Brothers' special



## FUNtastic

**Jackson Jackson, Tools For Survival**

Yooooo Jackson Jackson! We are so excited to announce that Jackson Jackson's new album, *Tools For Survival*, is out now! Jackson Jackson's new album, *Tools For Survival*, is out now! Jackson Jackson's new album, *Tools For Survival*, is out now!

**TUNE OF THE MONTH!**

## JACKSON JACKSON



## COMPUTER MUSIC

**8Bit Peoples, 8BP050**

For MANIA to truly be MANIA, every so often we need to bring the world of 8-bit music to you and the MANIACS. This issue we're bringing out this compilation of 8-bit music from the 8 Bit Peoples, which is basically 8-bit and 8-bit of computer-generated music. It's good. It's wild. It's MANIA!



## GOT I.D.P.

**Vanessa Hudgens, Identified**

With IGM a just around the corner, Van Hudgens is a pretty wicked time for Vanessa Hudgens to release a new album! Identified is solid, funky, pop with some very catchy tunes like the album's new single, "Sneaknight" and "Like You" (featuring). Better than her last album, Van is hoping to keep on improving.

## POP-PRINCESS

**Kate Miller Hedke, Curiouser**

Kate Miller Hedke is a pretty cool singer and songwriter. Her new album, *Curiouser*, is out now! Kate Miller Hedke's new album, *Curiouser*, is out now! Kate Miller Hedke's new album, *Curiouser*, is out now!





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# M FLICKS

## PANDA STYLE!

**Kung Fu Panda**

Ni hao MANIACS! We've been working up quite an appetite practicing our most deadly, death-defying Kung Fu moves! Burrp...munch munch! Okay, so we know what you're thinking! It sounds like we're just gorging ourselves on mountains of scrumptious Chinese food doesn't it? Well don't be fooled, 'cos it's still genuine Kung Fu, Panda Style! Master Po says to be the best, we've got to shove as many noodles and dim sims into our pie holes as possible! Who are we to argue? Burrp!



## OH BROTHER!

**Fred Claus**

REVELATION... Santa has an older bro'!!! How do we know? We saw him in this fabulous show! His name is Fred Claus (Vince Vaughn) and it's hard to believe he's even related to the jolly fat man from the north! For starters, instead of giving presents, he repossesses people's stuff and then steals it for himself! Do ya think Santa could ELF REIN in his DEER bro' before he makes a TURKEY of Christmas?



## SLICK CITY!

**City Of Ember**

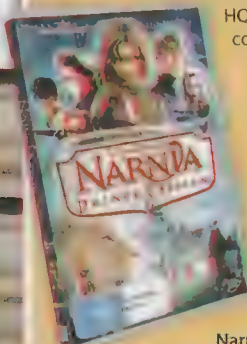
One thing we love at MANIA HQ is watching a movie that's so fresh we can't guess what's going to happen next! Unfortunately on the way to watch *City of Ember*, we ran into a troop of psycics, a probability generating super computer and the MANIA golden cat of wisdom! But believe us when we say we were still surprised and excited at every twist and turn of this terrific tale. That's why we give *City of Ember* two flaming thumbs up!



## MARNIA MAKEOVER!

**Chronicles of Narnia: Prince Caspian**

We're so spun out by this wikkid movie we've decided to rename MANIA HQ MARNIA HQ to commemorate it. We're also installing the biggest plasma screen you've ever seen so we can watch Peter, Susan, Edmund and Lucy take on Miraz and his minions in slow motion, over and over and over again! You're welcome to come over anytime and watch, as long as you speak Narnian in slow mo!



## KUNG FU FREE4ALL

Finished practising your dim sim death touch and spring roll side kicks, YAKS? Then it's time to put Po the panda through his paces. We're giving four powerful peeps the chance to score a poppin' Kung Fu Panda DVD. For your chance to win, just draw us a picture of Po practising Panda Style! Kapeesh?



# WIN!

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# READS

## DESERT STORM!

**Survive! Book 11: The Desert Storm** Anthony Brown

Survive! Book 11: The Desert Storm is the eleventh book in the series. It's a fast-paced, action-packed story that will keep you on the edge of your seat. The story is set in a desert and follows the adventures of a group of young people who are trying to survive in a hostile environment.

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## WILD FIRE!

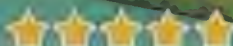
**Earth Breakers** Michelle Meyer

There is something out there. Something that is not of this world. Something that is not of this world. Something that is not of this world.

and Finn-Kedinn in two when disaster strikes. Alone in hostile territory, with a sickness eating at the heart of the forest, Torak must confront another Death

Eater and come to terms with

the world. This is a fast-paced, action-packed story that will keep you on the edge of your seat.



## FUTURE SHOCK!

**The Tomorrow Code** Kevin

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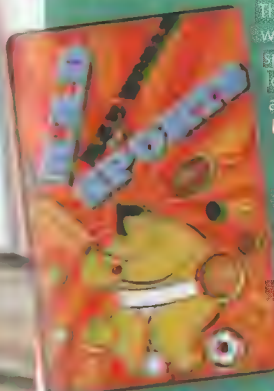


**READ OF THE MONTH!**

## HAVING A BALL!

**The Mad Mad World Of Sports** Tony Davis

There's not much in the world that's madder than sports. MANIACS! A whole lotta peeps chasing around an inflatable sheep's bladder (well, that's what it was in the old days) and trying to kick it into nets, between posts or at each other. If anyone was watching from space they'd be mighty confused. Luckily, this wicked book would probably explain the madness pretty well.



## WINTER WORKS!

**Cruisin'** Brian Caswell

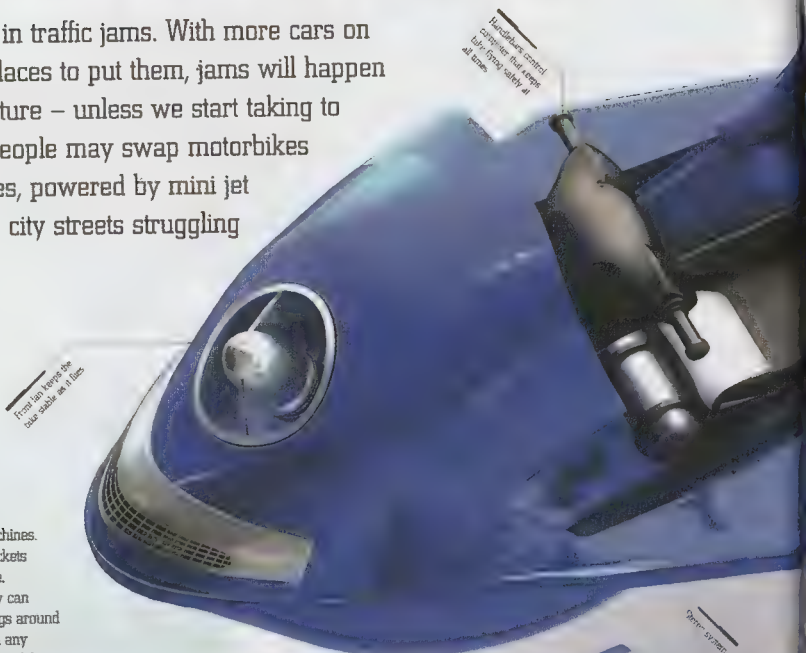
Brian Caswell has got a knack for getting awkwardness right in his awesome books and Cruisin' is no exception! Imagine being trapped on a cruise ship with your mum, a bully, your mate, your cousin and the girl you have a mega crush on! If that sounds like an entertaining and a recipe for disaster





# FUTURE HOVER BIKE

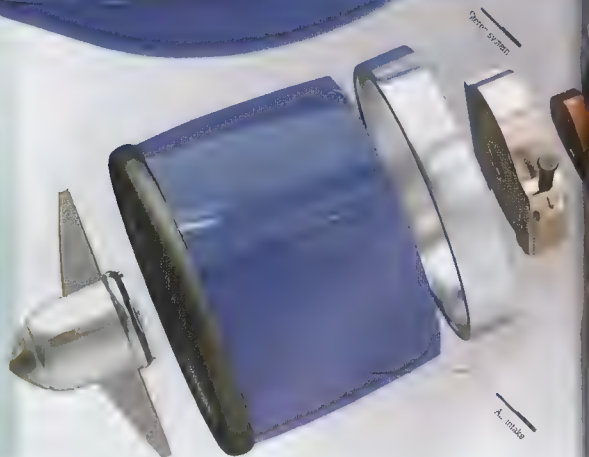
Everyone hates sitting in traffic jams. With more cars on the roads and fewer places to put them, jams will happen much more often in future – unless we start taking to the air. In the future, people may swap motorbikes and cars for hoverbikes, powered by mini jet engines, that leave the city streets struggling far below.



Front air intake  
for the engine  
and air filter

## Hover bird

Birds are brilliantly designed flying machines. They use wind and thermals (rising pockets of warm air) to help them stay airborne. Hummingbirds have an extra trick: they can hover on the spot by flapping their wings around 50 times a second. They can also fly in any direction by changing the angle, or pitch, of their wings as they flap, just like helicopter blades.





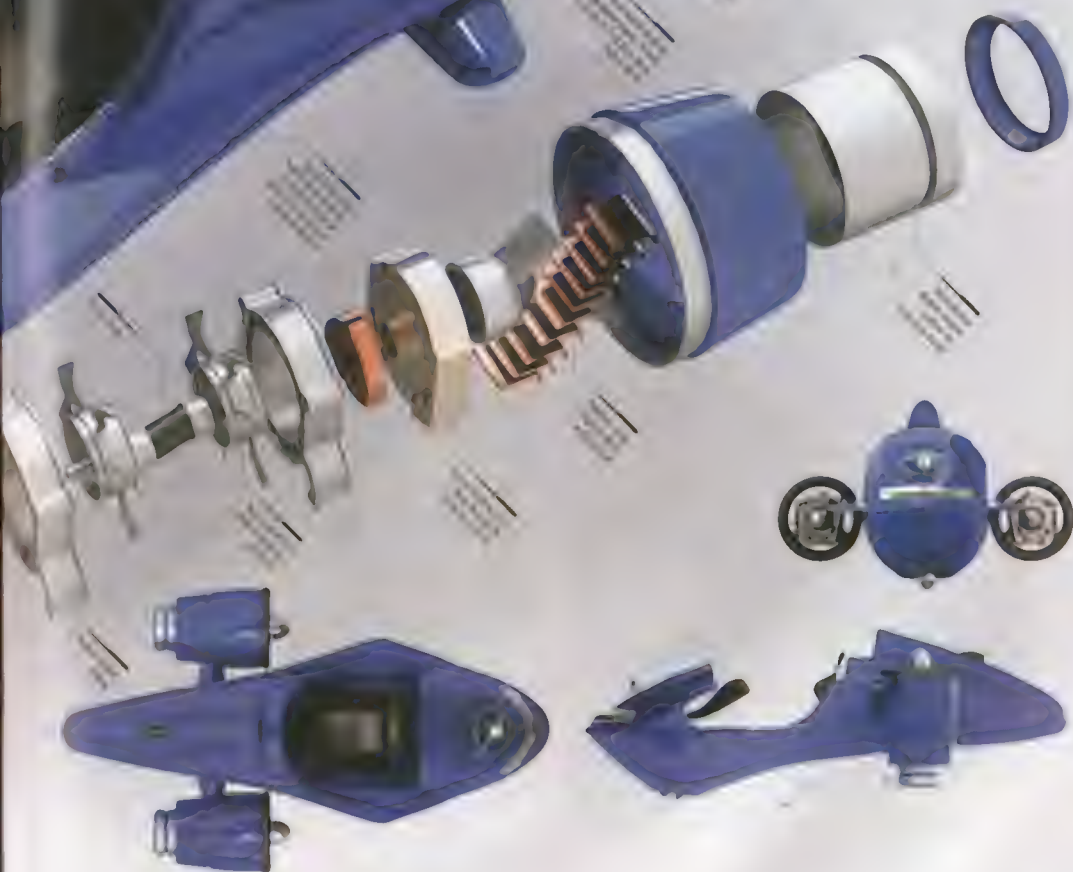
Vehicle engine tilts to  
change angle of thrust

Aerodynamic body  
design makes bike fly

Safe like  
a motorcycle

## Light engines

The key to a hoverbike is the two compact but powerful rotary engines on the sides. Unlike the engines on a jet plane, these can swivel to face in any direction. When they're angled to the front, they move the bike forwards like an aeroplane. If they tilt to point down, they can be used to take off and land vertically, so you don't need a runway, or make the bike hover like a helicopter. With few moving parts, the engines are light and simple and add very little to the weight of the bike.





# STREET FIGHTER

## SPECIAL



Street Fighter IV has finally hit arcades all over the world, so it's time to freshen up on some fighting moves! But first, you need to decide which character you'll want to play, and to do that, you'll need to track them down in this jungle of letters!

I	L	N	U	H	C	H	R	T	B	E	V	Z	E	S
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V	U	S	A	Y	M	Z	G	K	X	B	W	B	F	J
P	P	B	I	A	K	U	M	A	W	X	U	N	Q	J
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U	Q	G	S	O	Z	L	R	Q	S	C	R	P	D	C
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# THE MUTATOR

20 POINTS



20 POINTS



**BONUS**  
50 POINTS



3

20 POINTS



**STREET FIGHTER  
SPECIAL**

Recognise these guys?  
Yes? No? Let's see if  
your **MANIAC** eyes can  
make out who these  
mutated Street Fighter  
characters really are!

20 POINTS



20 POINTS



**YOUR  
SCORE:**



Answers on page 97!



# SUDOKU

## SEMI CHALLENGE!

Get into the coolest craze around – Sudoku!

To solve the puzzle, fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3 x 3 grid contains the digits 1 through 9. That means no number is repeated in any row, column or box. Go on, give it a try!



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## SUPA CHALLENGE!

Think you've mastered Sudoku now? Reckon that you're the super-doooper Sudoku whiz-kid? Test your new skills on this one – it's a little bit trickier!

Check out solutions, tips and a computer program at [www.sudoku.com](http://www.sudoku.com)



# FREE THE FORCE!

The evil Count Dooku has trapped Anakin Skywalker in this treacherous maze!  
Help Anakin navigate his way out so that he can kick some Dark Side butt (before  
turning evil himself and becoming Darth Vader, but we can ignore that for now)!





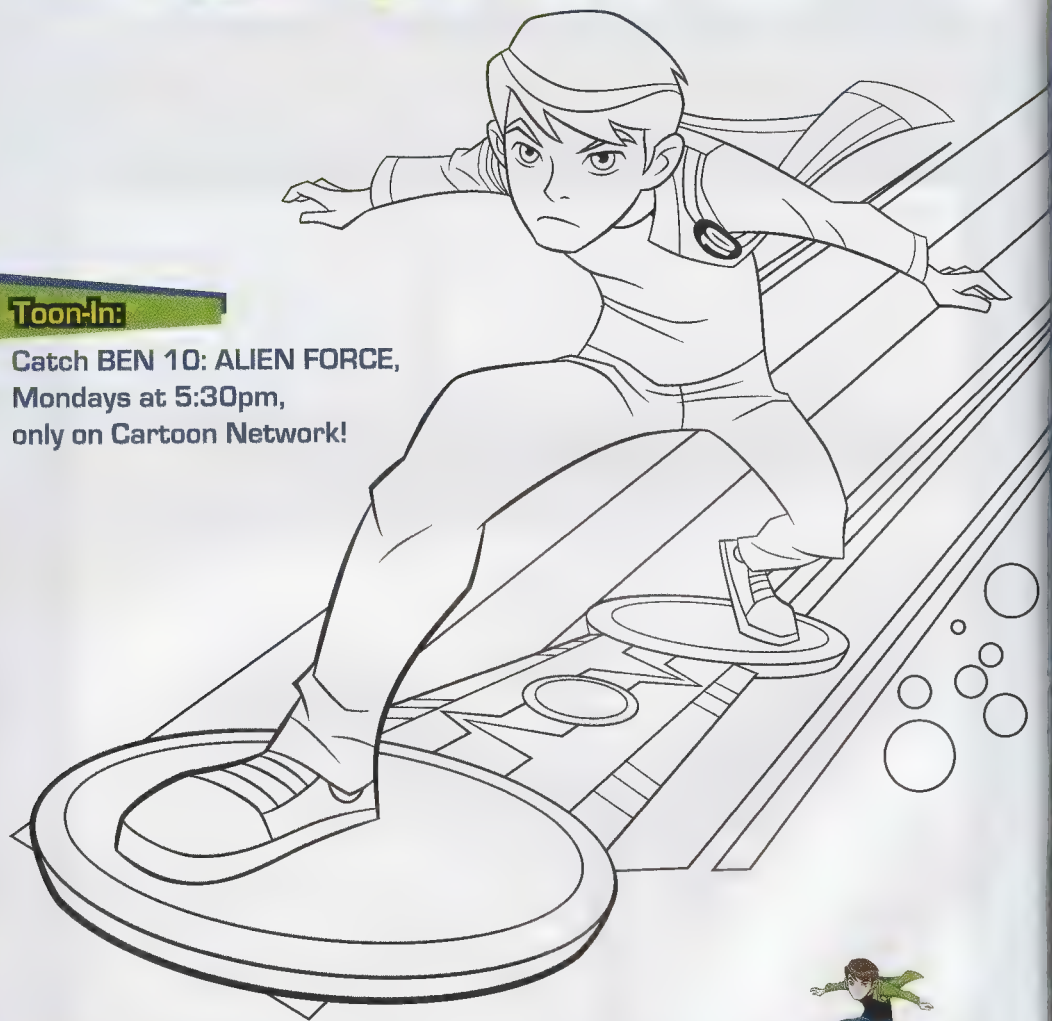
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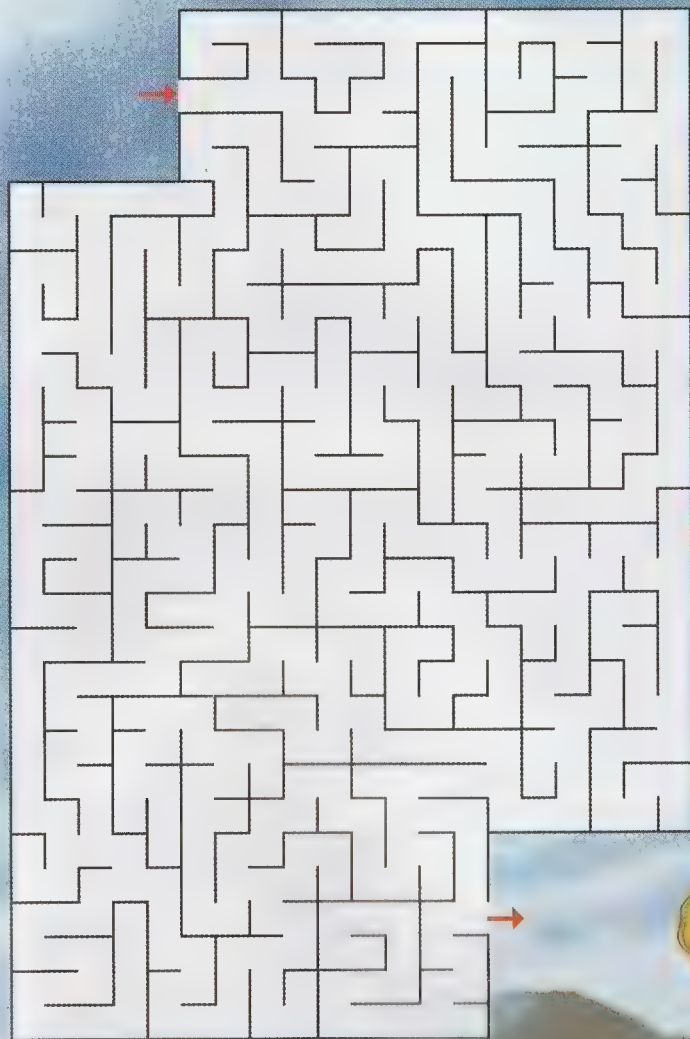
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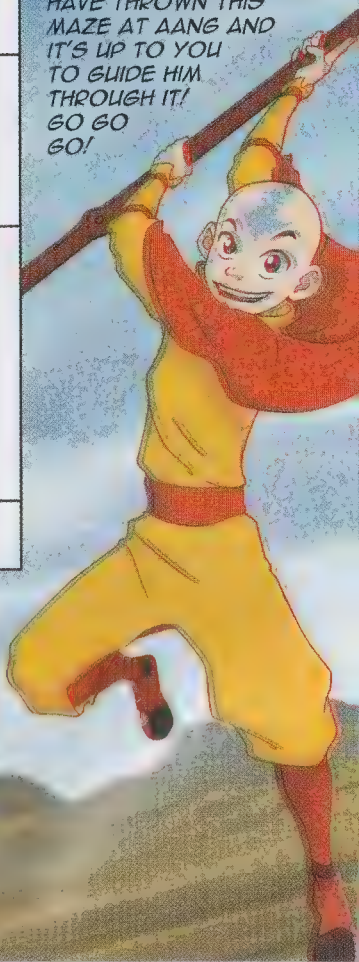
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# THE AVATAR ADVENTURE!



TRAVELLING FROM  
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ISN'T EASY - YOU  
MEET ALL KINDS OF  
CRAZY OBSTACLES  
AND ENEMIES THAT  
WANT TO GET IN  
YOUR WAY! WELL,  
THE FIRE BENDERS  
HAVE THROWN THIS  
MAZE AT AANG AND  
IT'S UP TO YOU  
TO GUIDE HIM  
THROUGH IT!  
GO GO  
GO!





# SPOT THE DIFFERENCE



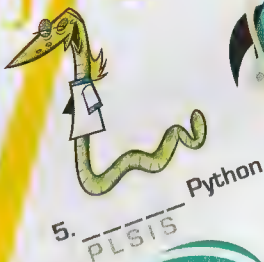
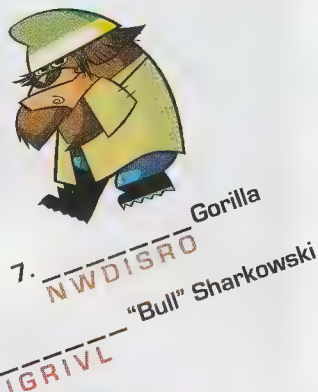
CAN YOU SPOT THE 5 DIFFERENCES IN THE TWO PICTURES?



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Answers: 1. Amy's hammer 2. Sonic's mouth 3. 3rd rock from the left gone 4. Spikes on top of tree taking behind the character 5. 1 rock in the rocks below Sonic





## Toon-Talk

Through a mix-up at the Central School District's Admissions Office [a typo changing Lyon to Lion], Adam Lyon is accidentally transferred to the all-animal Charles Darwin Middle School, where all the zoo animals send their kids. Fortunately, on his first day of school, Adam meets Jake Spidermonkey and the two become fast friends. However, Adam quickly realizes that having a monkey for a best buddy isn't always easy. With signs that warn "Do Not Eat the Other Students," Adam will have his hands full making it through middle school alive.

## Toon-Challenge

Do you know the names of the students at Charles Darwin Middle School? Unscramble the highlighted letters below and make some new friends!

## Toon-In

Catch some wild jungle classroom fun with double episodes of My Gym Partner's a Monkey, weekends at 7:30am, only on Cartoon Network!



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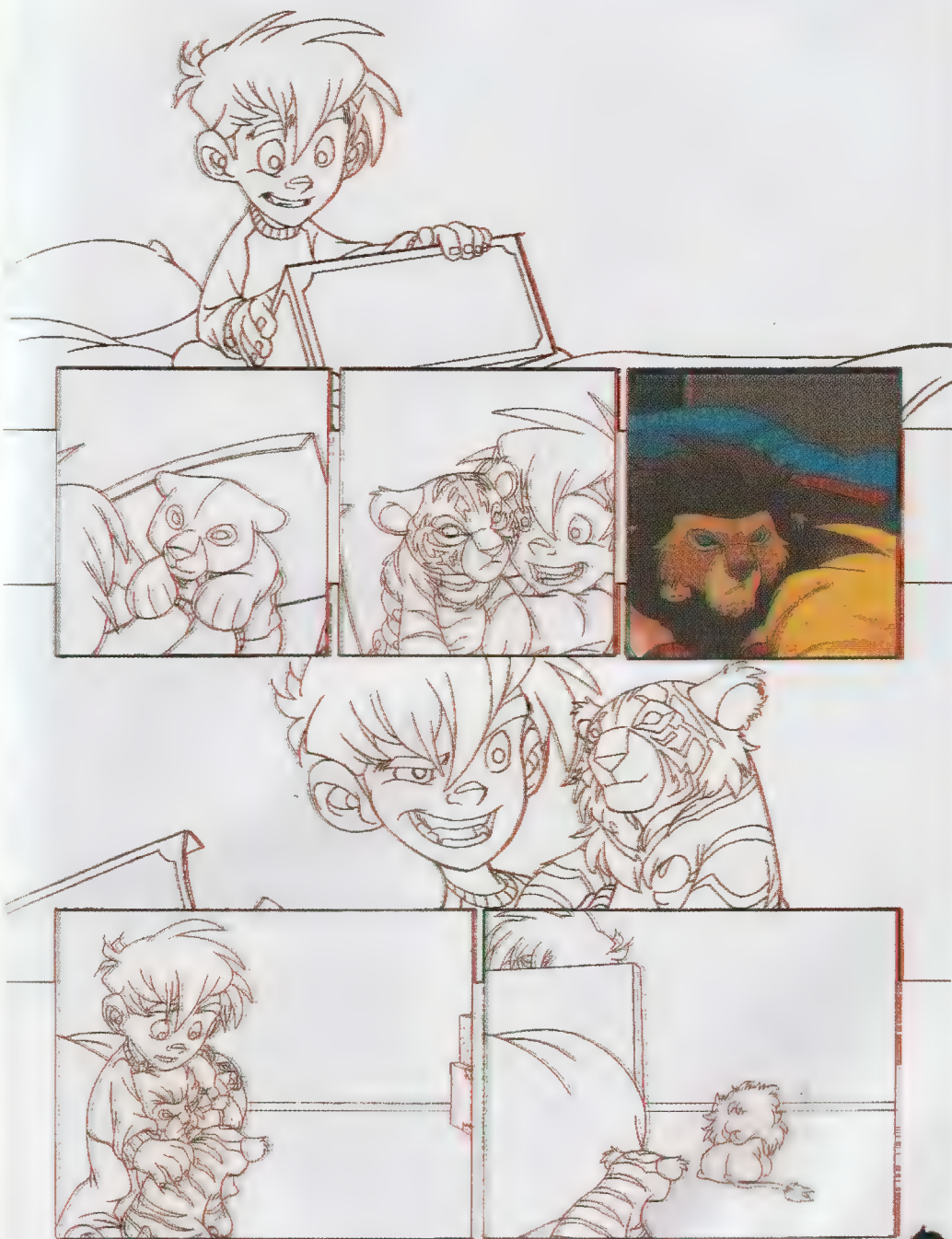
1. Adam  
2. Jake  
3. Ingrid  
4. Lupa  
5. Sipa  
6. Virgi  
7. Windsor



# Chapter three

















# MADAGASCAR MELTDOWN!

## SCORE MAD MADAGASCAR ESCAPE 2 AFRICA PRIZES, YAKS!

Alex (Ben Stiller), Julien (Sacha Baron Cohen) and all your favourite mad 'mals are marooned on the shores of Madagascar in Africa, a foreign land so far from home it's freaky! Luckily the penguins have a plan to help the animals neck it on back to New York. They repair an old crashed plane and prepare to fly their furry friends home. But the bird-brained penguins do a shoddy job on the repairs and the plane crash lands in the plains of Africa where the zoo raised 'mals meet genuine wild animals! It seems like paradise, but is Africa a little zoo wild for them?

## GO APE IN AFRICA!

**10 bush-bashing, jungle journeying MANIACS will score a Madagascar Escape 2 Africa prize pack! Full of totally untamed prizes that will send you ape! If you're one of our lucky winners you'll get:**

- 1 x Mobile Phone
- 1 x In Season Family Pass
- 1 x Plush Penguin Speakers
- 1 x Madagascar Escape 2 Africa T-Shirt
- 1 x Bee Movie and 1 x Madagascar DVD

**WORTH  
\$309 EACH!**

## WIN!

Time to hit the bongos and go bananas in the wildest, most rugged, and hottest continent in the cosmos, YAKS, AFRICA!! To be a bush bashing safari-strutting animal and for a chance to bag a MANIAC Madagascar Escape 2 Africa prize pack, just draw us a picture of a penguin flying a jumbo jet.

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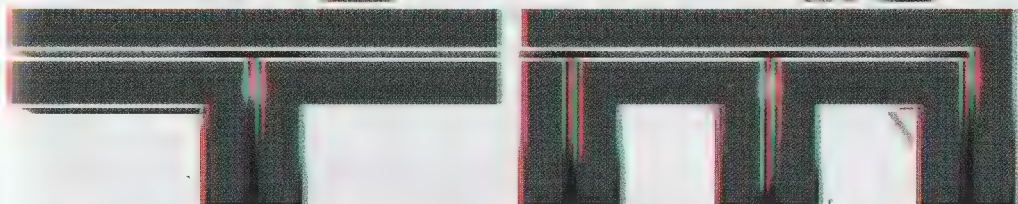
**DREAMWORKS**  
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Release dates: 11th December in QLD/NT/SA, 18th December for the rest of Australia.





# TrackMania® DS



Trackmania, the much-loved series of racing games focusing on fun and frantic racing, now makes its stunning debut on the Nintendo DS™. Far from hardcore driving simulations, Trackmania DS is based on the fun and the spectacular aspect of racing.

Be blown away in an intense single-player campaign that challenges you to drive at mind-blowing speeds on incredible tracks made of jumps, loops, turbo boost pads and other crazy design elements. Rev your race thrills to the max and enjoy the ultimate sensation of speed coupled with fast-lane graphics and incredible production values on the DS.

This Nintendo DS version is packed with three exciting game modes and three environments from the renowned PC version.

Trackmania DS offers an amazing track editor that takes advantage of the Nintendo DS stylus controls and touch-screen. You can intuitively create your own unique and exciting tracks from hundreds of different design blocks, then race on these tracks in single- or multiplayer modes, giving the game near-infinite replay value.

Lastly, you can challenge other players in multiplayer mode on Trackmania's official tracks and on your own creations via Nintendo Wireless DS Single card and multcard system!



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# GIMOLES GALORE!

**We trolled through the Gimoles books with the elf of Gimoles creator Mike Bullock, YAKS!**

**MANIA:** What inspired the Gimoles?

**MB:** I had a friend who had somewhat pointy ears like an elf. One day while watching him, as he and his Grandma pushed melting snow away from their garden, the thought struck me that I was watching two elves prepare the world for springtime. Within minutes, I'd jotted down the poem that eventually became the Gimoles.

**MANIA:** What kind of creatures are the Gimoles?

**MB:** They're elves. Magical elves gifted with a heart-ringing power that helps create springtime.

**MANIA:** How are you and the Gimoles different from the others?

**MB:** Well, they're only a skosh tall, they're always never in a bad mood, they care deeply for the world around them and are most often selfless and kind.

**MANIA:** Can they fly, do they have powers?

**MB:** They can fly, but only on the backs of hummingbirds, butterflies or other small flying creatures.

**MANIA:** Where do you live?

**MB:** They live just behind the whatzwhizzit, you know, the one next to the wherezawhiff.

**MANIA:** If the Gimoles lived in your house, where would you live?

**MB:** Caliday and his solar elves have dominion over summer. Megeddo and his Niffles, the autumn elves, govern the fall. Winter is lorded over by a fabod Cornelius Frost and his ice trolls.

## Elf yourself to gnarly Gimoles goss galore!

**MANIA:** Who are the main heroes in the Gimoles?

**MB:** Limmy and Ohgi Gimole. The two have a good-natured rivalry that often leads to one saving the other from perils their halfway-mad dad leads them to.

**MANIA:** What defines their character?

**MB:** Limmy is strong-willed, brave and foolhardy. Ohgi is more of a thinker, yet she never shies away from danger. More often than not, she's the one pulling Limmy out of the fire.

**To get your mits on the Gimoles books and bling don't forget to visit these wikkid websites YAKS!**

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Mister Groundhog's home

Today is Groundhog Day, when winter's end is decided.



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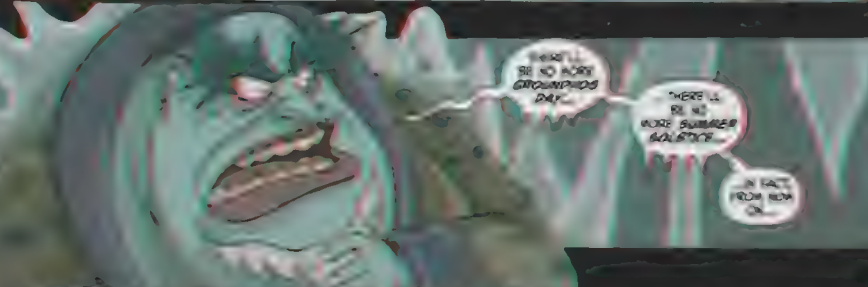


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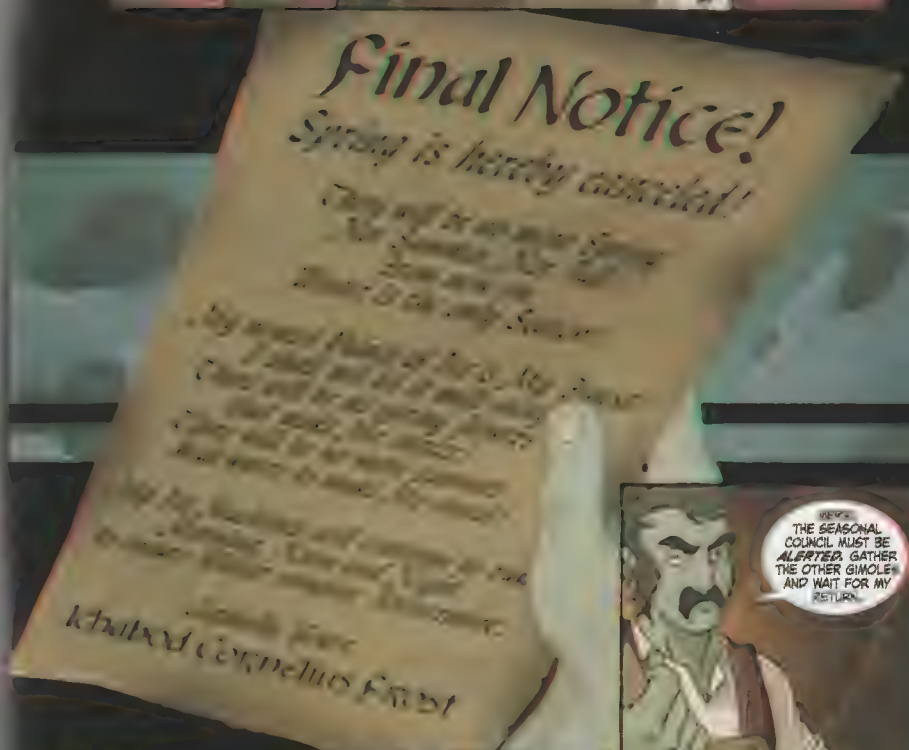
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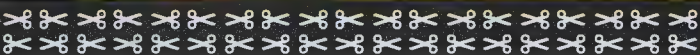
WANNA SCORE A STACK  
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Bonus: Akuma

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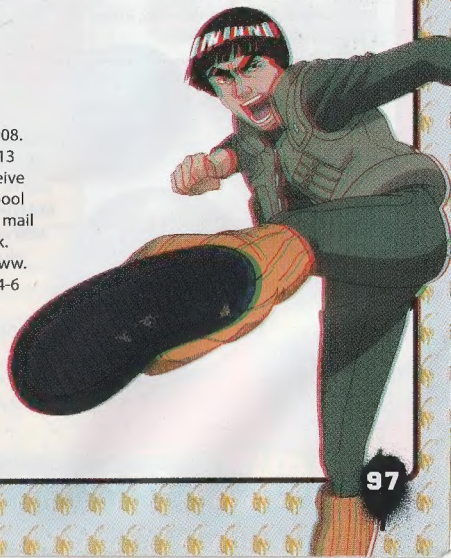


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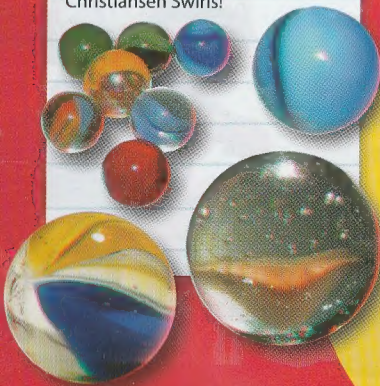




**Attention Collectors of all things, EVERYWHERE! Check out these INSANE collections from fellow MANIACS!!**

## DON'T LOSE YA MARBLES!

Every now and again you might see a kid in school with a pocket full of marbles – or maybe you collect them yourself! Well, did you know that people have been collecting marbles ever since the time of the ancient Egyptians? Back then, they were made of flint, stone, baked clay and, sometimes, real marble! These days they're usually made of glass, steel and agates. Marbles are also more than just little hard balls of stone – there are all different fancy kinds, ranging from oxbloods, shooters, peewees, and Christiansen Swirls!



## BONKERS FOR BEN 10!

Hey MANIA,  
I love your mag and here's a picture of me and my brother with our Ben 10 collection. We have collected heaps of figures and alien ships so far.

Hey Patrick and Nick! Woooah, that's a wikkid collection you've got there! You're even wearing matching Ben 10 shirts! Now THAT'S dedication! Keep up the cool collection, guys! You rock! From the MANIA Crew



**PATRICK, 10, AND NICK, 7,  
COOLUM BEACH, QLD**



**JOSH, 10, CRAIGIE, WA**

## SPIFFY SPONGEY!

I think my SpongeBob collection is way cool. I have heaps of Spongey stuff. I am your number 1 fan! From Josh

Ah, good old Spongey! We love him! You've got a rad collection of SpongeBob goods – we're so impressed! For your efforts, you deserve a promotion! We deem you the (highly unofficial) manager of the Krusty Krab! The MANIA team

## SUPER SPIDERMAN!

Dear MANIA,  
My name's Tamara and I'm 12 years old and I'm sending in this photo of my cousin, Mark, in his fully decked out Spiderman bedroom. He's 3.5 in the photo and he's mum has collected Spiderman toys etc. forever. He loves his Spiderman super heroes... First words he spoke were Peter Parker and Spiderman. He's got such a big collection that I had to share it with all the Mania Mag readers.

Howdy Tamara! How nice of you to send in a photo of Mark! It's a good thing you did, because he's got a gnarly collection going on there! Thanks for sharing and keep up the good work! From your friends at MANIA



**TAMARA, 12**



**MARK, 3, BENDIGO, VIC**

## WIN!

Got a wikkid collection you want to show off? Don't hide it, we want to see it! If your collection makes it into MANIA you'll score a prize containing Marvel 3 and Star Wars Top Trumps, the ultimate card collectibles!

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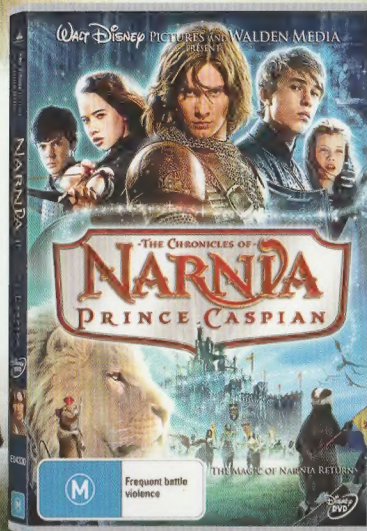
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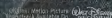


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